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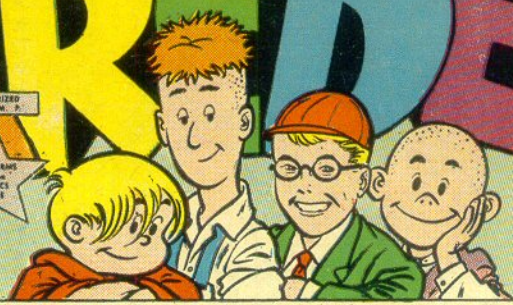
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HA! HA!  
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IS AS GOOD  
AS...OW!

THIS IS A  
SAMPLE,  
BUT YOU  
AIN'T SEEN  
NOTHIN'  
YET!

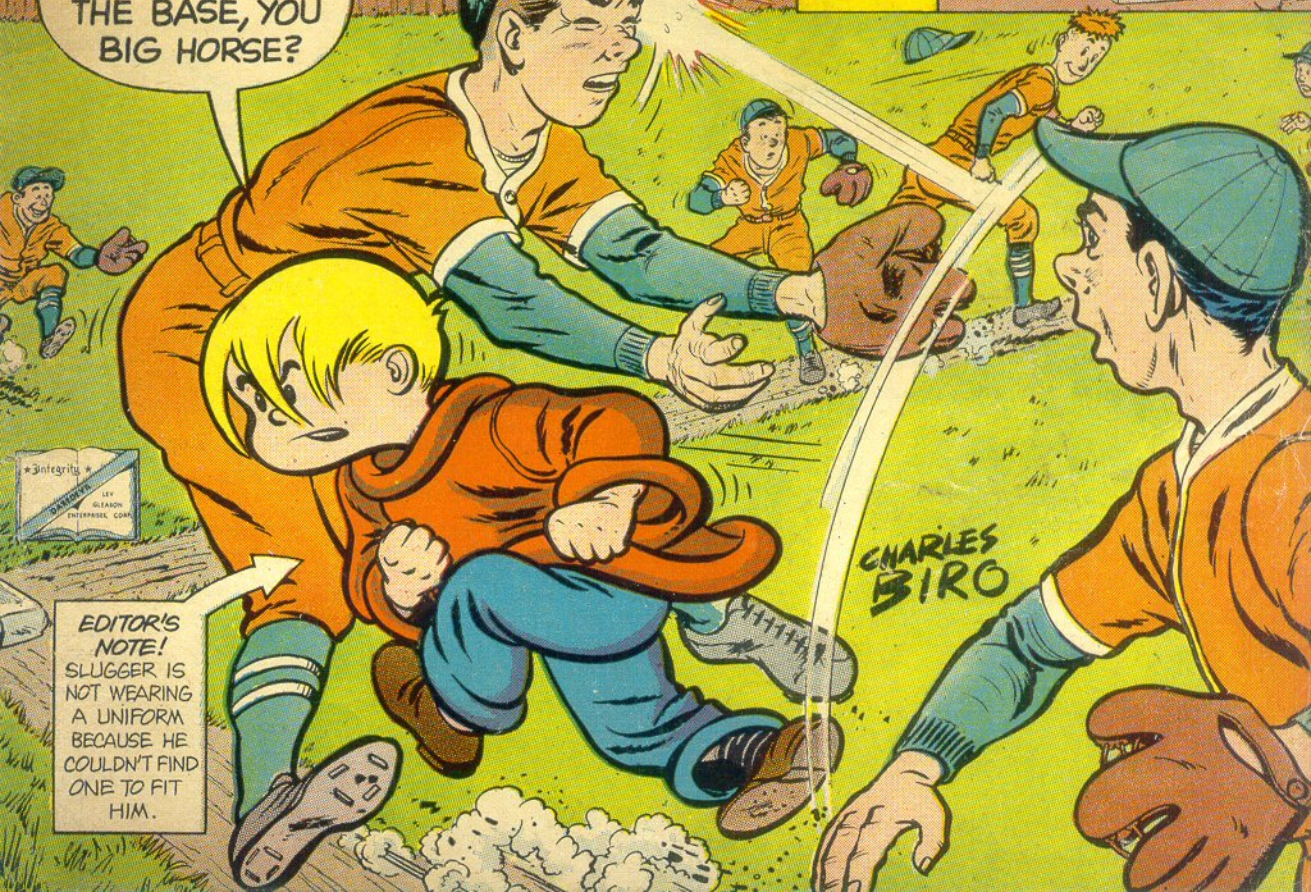
**SEE INSIDE!**  
BUT HANG  
ON TO  
YOUR  
TEETH!

I'M SORRY, DILLY,  
OLD PAL!  
ACCIDENTS  
WILL  
HAPPEN!

YOU SAID A  
MOUTHFUL,  
GRUESOME,  
OLD PAL!



WHAT'S THE  
IDEA OF BLOCKIN'  
THE BASE, YOU  
BIG HORSE?



CHARLES  
BIRO



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NOTE!**  
SLUGGER IS  
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A UNIFORM  
BECAUSE HE  
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IN NO SPORT DO HIS TEAMMATES LIKE A GRANDSTANDER OR A PRIMA DONNA, AND THIS HOLDS TRUE IN EVERYDAY LIFE! SOMETIMES, THOUGH, A TEAM MAY FIND ITSELF IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO ENDURE THE DISTASTEFUL PRESENCE OF SUCH A PERSON FOR THE SAKE OF THE TEAM'S GLORY! BUT THE GLORY WON AT SUCH A SACRIFICE IS IN THE END, EMPTY AND FAR FROM GLORIOUS! THE BEST PLACE FOR A GRANDSTANDER IS IN THE GRANDSTAND!

*Charles Biro*

# The LITTLE WISE GUYS

In "The Grandstander"



I CAN RUN OVER THESE CRUMBS WITHOUT ANY HELP FROM YOU GUYS!

OH, YEAH?

C'MON, MAC! THIS WAY!

STORY by CHARLES BIRO



NEXT TIME YOU'LL HAVE ENOUGH SENSE TO GET OUTTA MY WAY, PUNK!

SOMEBODY OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO BRING THIS GUY DOWN...  
**OOMPFF!!**



**TOUCHDOWN!**

YIPPEE! WE'RE TWELVE POINTS AHEAD! THEY CAN'T CATCH UP WITH US NOW!

WE COULDN'T LOSE, ANYWAY, WITH ME ON THE TEAM!



NOW IF WE CAN LICK THE TIGLONS, IT'S HOLLYWOOD, HERE WE COME!

IF WE BEAT 'EM, THEY OUGHTA LET US PLAY IN THE ROSE BOWL GAME INSTEAD OF JUST LETTING US SEE THE GAME!

QUIT WORRYIN', BOYS! I'LL MURDER 'EM FOR YOU! HERE, SCARE-CROW - CARRY MY HELMET!



DON'T GET TOO OVERCONFIDENT! THE TIGLONS ARE TWICE AS TOUGH AS ANY OTHER TEAM IN OUR LEAGUE AND \* THEY OUTWEIGH US BY TEN POUNDS A MAN!

LISTEN, PAL, I'M THE GUY YOU'VE GOTTA WORRY ABOUT! IF I QUIT, YOU'RE SUNK! CLEAN THESE CLEATS UP FOR ME, WILL YA, SLUGGER?

HUH?



THAT DOES IT! I'M NOT TAKIN' ANY MORE FROM THAT CONCEITED...

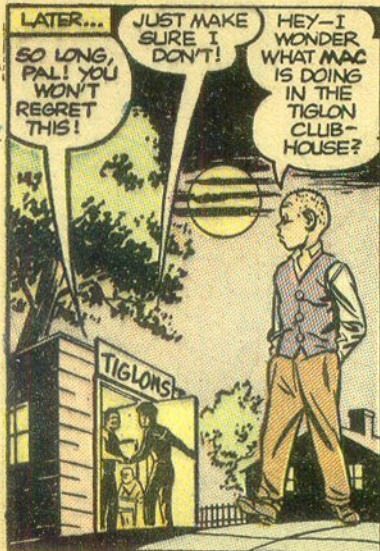
TAKE IT EASY, SLUGGER! WE HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE OF WINNING THAT TRIP TO THE ROSE BOWL GAME WITHOUT HIM! YOU CAN STAND HIM FOR ANOTHER WEEK!



HEY, MAC, THAT'S THE BEST TIE SLUGGER'S GOT!

YEAH...IT'S PRETTY CRUMMY! I'VE GOT A DATE AND I FORGOT TO BRING ONE! GET ME A LARGER SELECTION BY NEXT WEEK, WILL YOU?

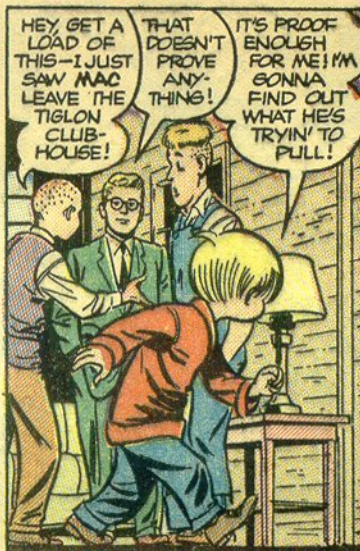
GRRR...



LATER... SO LONG, PAL! YOU WON'T REGRET THIS!

JUST MAKE SURE I DON'T!

HEY—I WONDER WHAT MAC IS DOING IN THE TIGLON CLUB-HOUSE?



HEY GET A LOAD OF THIS—I JUST SAW MAC LEAVE THE TIGLON CLUB-HOUSE!

THAT DOESN'T PROVE ANY-THING!

IT'S PROOF ENOUGH FOR ME! I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHAT HE'S TRYIN' TO PULL!



I WAS GOING TO TELL YOU, ANYWAY! IT'S TRUE, I JUST SWITCHED TEAMS! THE TIGLONS ARE BUYIN' ME A NEW UNIFORM, PROVIDIN' GAS FOR MY JALOPY AN' TEN BUCKS A WEEK FOR EXPENSES!

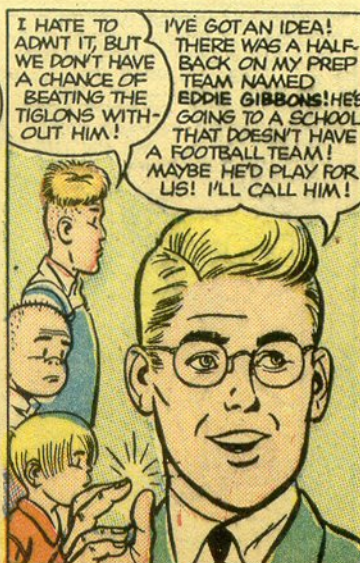
YOU MUST BE KIDDING! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY TEAM SPIRIT?



DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH, BLISTER! SHOVE OFF, KIDS—TH' TIGLONS ARE THROWIN' A LITTLE PARTY FOR ME AND I GOTTA GET READY!

I'LL THROW A PARTY FOR YOU...

C'MON, SLUGGER, THAT WOULDN'T DO ANY GOOD! JUST LET HIM GET OUTTA HERE!



I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT WE DON'T HAVE A CHANCE OF BEATING THE TIGLONS WITHOUT HIM!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA! THERE WAS A HALF-BACK ON MY PREP TEAM NAMED EDDIE GIBBONS! HE'S GOING TO A SCHOOL THAT DOESN'T HAVE A FOOTBALL TEAM! MAYBE HE'D PLAY FOR US! I'LL CALL HIM!



SURE, EDDIE, I REALIZE YOU'RE OUT OF PRACTICE BUT WE NEED ANOTHER GOOD BALL CARRIER!

WELL, OKAY, JOCK, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH GOOD I'LL BE! I'LL CATCH THE TRAIN OVER TOMORROW AFTERNOON! SEE YOU THEN!

TELEPHONE

JEEPERS! THAT'S THE WHOLE PRO TEAM OF THE MAMMOTHS! THERE'S FORMER ALL-AMERICAN SAMMY MAUGH AND OTTO GRIMM! NOW I REMEMBER—THEY'RE GOING TO CHICAGO TO PLAY AN EXHIBITION GAME WITH THE ALL-STARS! BOY!!

NO SMOKING

YOU'RE ONE OF MY FAVORITE PLAYERS, MR. MAUGH! WOULD YOU AUTOGRAPH MY HELMET FOR ME?

SURE, KID! HEY, GUYS—THE KID'S A FOOTBALL PLAYER! SIGN HIS HELMET FOR HIM!

OKAY, I'M NEXT...

NO SMOKING

I'M GONNA PLAY FOR THE DAREDEVILS, IN THE MIDGET LEAGUE! THEIR STAR BACK JUST QUIT AND JOINED ANOTHER TEAM, AND THEY'RE DESPERATE!

THEY HAD BUILT THEIR WHOLE TEAM AROUND ONE MAN, SON! IF EVERY MAN ON THEIR SQUAD KNEW HIS JOB PERFECTLY, THEY WOULD WORK AS A TEAM! THAT WAY, YOU CAN LOSE ANYONE, WITHOUT RUINING YOUR POWER!

THIS IS MY STOP! THANKS FOR THE AUTOGRAPHS, FELLAS!

THAT'S OKAY, KID! GOOD LUCK WITH THE DAREDEVILS!

SO LONG, EDDIE! REMEMBER WHAT I SAID... BLOCKING AND TACKLING IS WHAT WINS BALL GAMES! NOT ONE FLASHY STAR!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

BAD NEWS, BOYS! OUR GAME IN CHICAGO HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR A WEEK! WHAT'LL WE DO...GO ON TO THE WINDY CITY OR STOP HERE FOR A FEW DAYS?

NOW WHAT IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU WANT TO STOP HERE FOR? UNLESS YOU WANT TO COACH THAT KID'S TEAM!

SURE, LET'S NOT FORGET THAT WE WERE KIDS ONCE!

ALL I'M SAYING IS WHAT THEY TOLD ME! YOU'VE GOTTA LEARN TO PLAY WITH MORE PRECISION TEAM WORK!

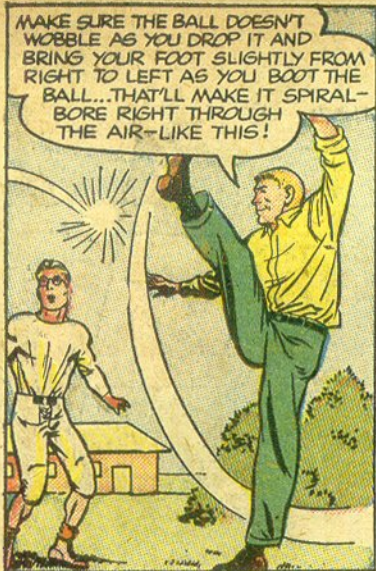
IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT NOW! WE'VE GOTTA FIGURE OUT A WAY TO MAKE SOME PLAIN OLD-FASHIONED TOUCH-DOWNS!

HEY, GUYS, LOOK!

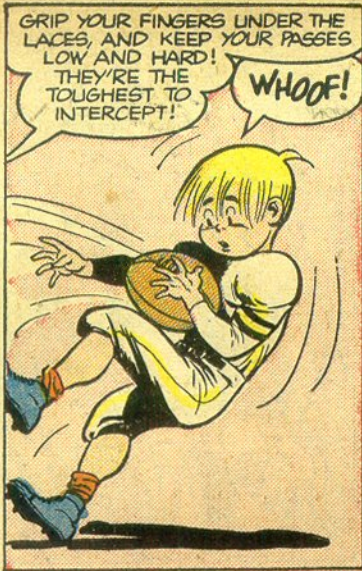
WOW! THE MAMMOTHS! I MET 'EM ON THE TRAIN!

HIYA, EDDIE! SO THESE ARE THE DAREDEVILS! YOU'RE ALL GOING TO GET A LITTLE PLAIN AND FANCY COACHIN'! WE'LL MAKE A TEAM OUT OF YOU IF IT KILLS US!

NO! THAT'S ALL WRONG! STAY ON YOUR FEET WHEN YOU TACKLE, AND KEEP THOSE LEGS DRIVING! A SHIFTY RUNNER CAN SIDE STEP A FLYING TACKLE, AND SPIN YOUR MAN AS YOU HIT HIM!

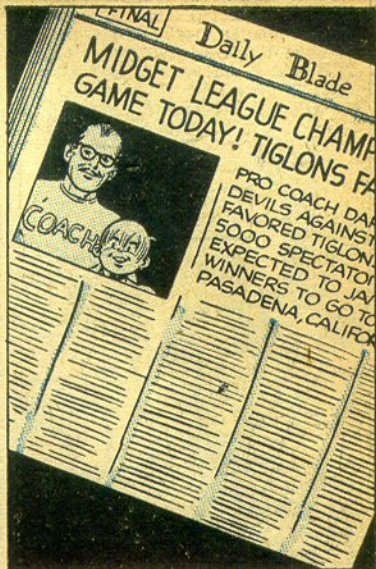


MAKE SURE THE BALL DOESN'T WOBBLE AS YOU DROP IT AND BRING YOUR FOOT SLIGHTLY FROM RIGHT TO LEFT AS YOU BOOT THE BALL...THAT'LL MAKE IT SPIRAL-BORE RIGHT THROUGH THE AIR-LIKE THIS!



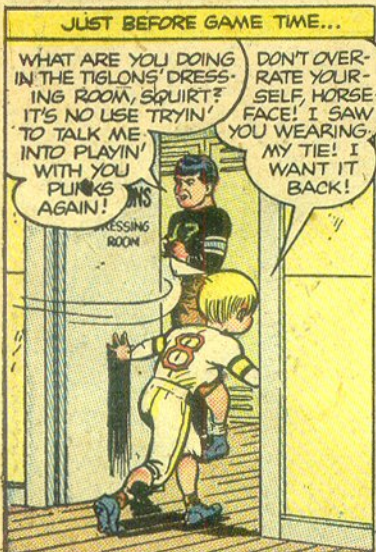
GRIP YOUR FINGERS UNDER THE LACES, AND KEEP YOUR PASSES LOW AND HARD! THEY'RE THE TOUGHEST TO INTERCEPT!

WHOO!



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MIDGET LEAGUE CHAMP GAME TODAY! TIGLONS FA

PRO COACH DAN DEVILS AGAINST FAVORED TIGLONS EXPECTED TO JAW WINNERS TO GO TO PASADENA, CALIFOR



JUST BEFORE GAME TIME...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE TIGLONS' DRESSING ROOM, SQUIRT? IT'S NO USE TRYIN' TO TALK ME INTO PLAYIN' WITH YOU PUNKS AGAIN!

DON'T OVER-RATE YOURSELF, HORSE-FACE! I SAW YOU WEARING MY TIE! I WANT IT BACK!



YOU'VE BEEN ASKING FOR A GOOD BELT IN THE CHOPS AND I'M GONNA... OOFF!

YOU AND WHAT ARMY? ONE SIDE, PLEASE!



YOU MEAN YOU WALKED RIGHT INTO THEIR ROOM AND TOOK IT? YOU'RE LUCKY YOU WEREN'T MANGLED!

CALL IT THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE!

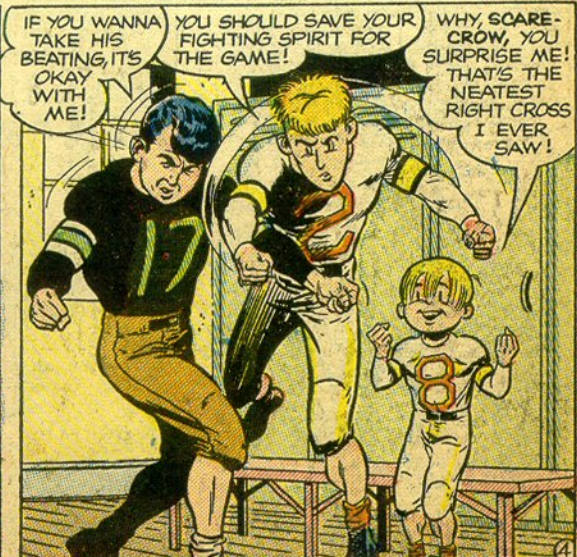
GIMME THAT TIE, OR I'LL STRANGLE YOU WITH IT!



DON'T BUTT IN, SCARE-CROW! LET HIM TRY!

IT HAPPENS TO BE SLUGGER'S TIE! LEAVE HIM ALONE, MAC!

GET OUTTA MY WAY, HAYSEED!



IF YOU WANNA TAKE HIS BEATING, IT'S OKAY WITH ME!

YOU SHOULD SAVE YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT FOR THE GAME!

WHY, SCARE-CROW, YOU SURPRISE ME! THAT'S THE NEATEST RIGHT CROSS I EVER SAW!



WHAT HAPPENED, MAC? RUN INTO A DOOR?

CUT THE COMEDY—THAT LOUSY SCARECROW HIT ME WHEN I WASN'T LOOKIN'! WE'RE GONNA FIX THAT GUY! NOW LISTEN...



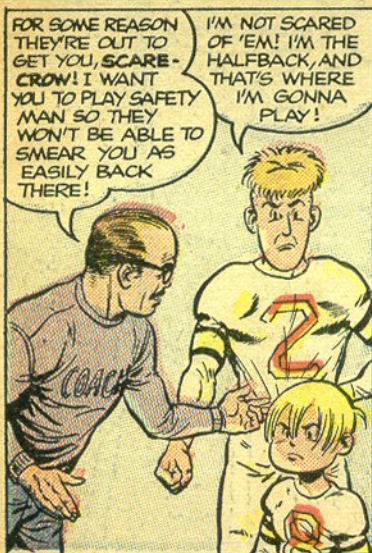
WATCH OUT, SCARECROW! I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO GANG UP ON YOU!

OKAY, BOYS, NOW! HE WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM!



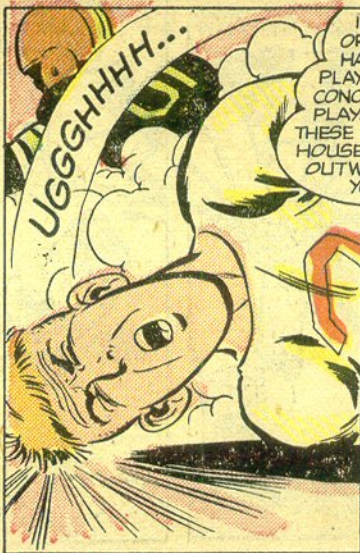
TIME OUT!

HEY! QUIT PILING ON! THE PLAYS OVER!



FOR SOME REASON THEY'RE OUT TO GET YOU, SCARECROW! I WANT YOU TO PLAY SAFETY MAN SO THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO SNEAK YOU AS EASILY BACK THERE!

I'M NOT SCARED OF 'EM! I'M THE HALFBACK, AND THAT'S WHERE I'M GONNA PLAY!



UGGGHHH...



IF HE'D FOLLOWED MY ORDERS, THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED! DON'T PLAY THEIR KIND OF GAME... CONCENTRATE ON YOUR PLAYS! YOU CAN'T BEAT THESE GUYS AT ROUGH-HOUSE! THEY OUTWEIGH YOU!

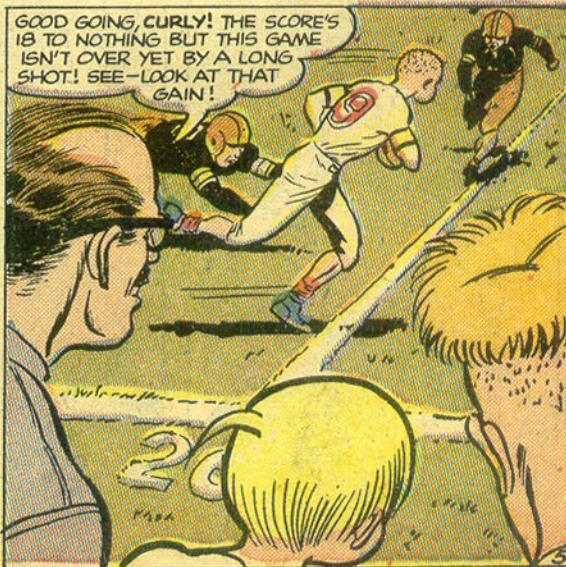
JUST THE SAME, I'M GONNA GET EVEN FOR WHAT THEY DID TO SCARECROW!



IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THIS A PERSONAL GRUDGE BATTLE INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING ORDERS, YOU'RE OUT OF THE GAME! GO SIT ON THE BENCH, SLUGGER!

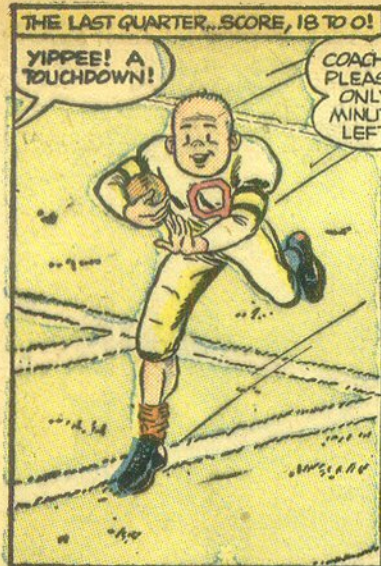
WHAT?

HE'S THE COACH, SLUGGER! WE'VE GOT TO OBEY ORDERS!



GOOD GOING, CURLY! THE SCORE'S 18 TO NOTHING BUT THIS GAME ISN'T OVER YET BY A LONG SHOT! SEE—LOOK AT THAT GAIN!





THE LAST QUARTER... SCORE, 18 TO 0!

YIPPEE! A TOUCHDOWN!

COACH! PUT US IN, PLEASE! THERE'S ONLY FIVE MINUTES LEFT!



I'M ALL BETTER NOW, COACH! PUT US IN, PLEASE! THERE'S ONLY FIVE MINUTES LEFT!

OKAY, YOU CAN PLAY! THE FIRST THING YOU'VE GOT TO DO IS GET THE BALL! TACKLE HARD, BUT NO DIRTY PLAYING!

I'LL OBEY ORDERS, COACH! HONEST!



FUMBLE, PLEASE FUMBLE, YOU BUM!

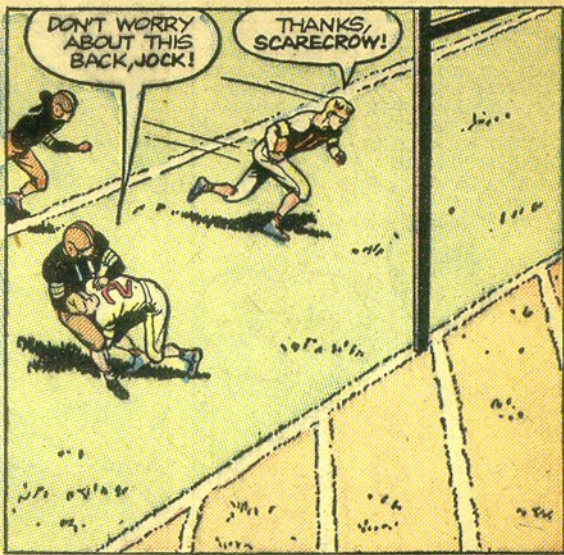
HE FUMBLED! IT'S OUR BALL!



WE'RE ON THEIR THIRTY-YARD LINE! LET'S TRY X-27! JOCK CARRIES THE BALL!

HUH?

THAT'S A RISKY ONE, SLUGGER, BUT OKAY!



DON'T WORRY ABOUT THIS BACK, JOCK!

THANKS, SCARECROW!



THE DAREDEVILS SCORED AGAIN, AND...

NOW THEY'RE ONLY FIVE POINTS BEHIND! WHAT'S A MATTER, MAC? YOU DIDN'T KICK ONE EXTRA POINT! YOUR BLACK EYE BOTHER YOU?

WE'RE NOT PLAYIN' ROUGH ENOUGH! KICK 'EM, BUTT 'EM... THIS IS NO TEA PARTY!

NUTS TO THAT, MAC! IF WE CAN'T BEAT 'EM PLAYIN' FAIR, THEY DESERVE TO WIN!



YOU PLAY MY WAY, OR I'LL QUIT!

FOR MY MONEY, YOU CAN START WALKING! WE'VE GOTTEN PRETTY FED UP WITH YOU, YOU PRIMA DONNA!

THAT GOES DOUBLE FOR ME!



YOU GUYS ARE GONNA BE PLENTY SORRY!

SEE THAT, BOYS? YOU GOT MAC OUT OF THE GAME BY NOT PLAYING DIRTY! NOW GET GOING! YOU'VE GOT A FEW SECONDS LEFT TO PLAY!

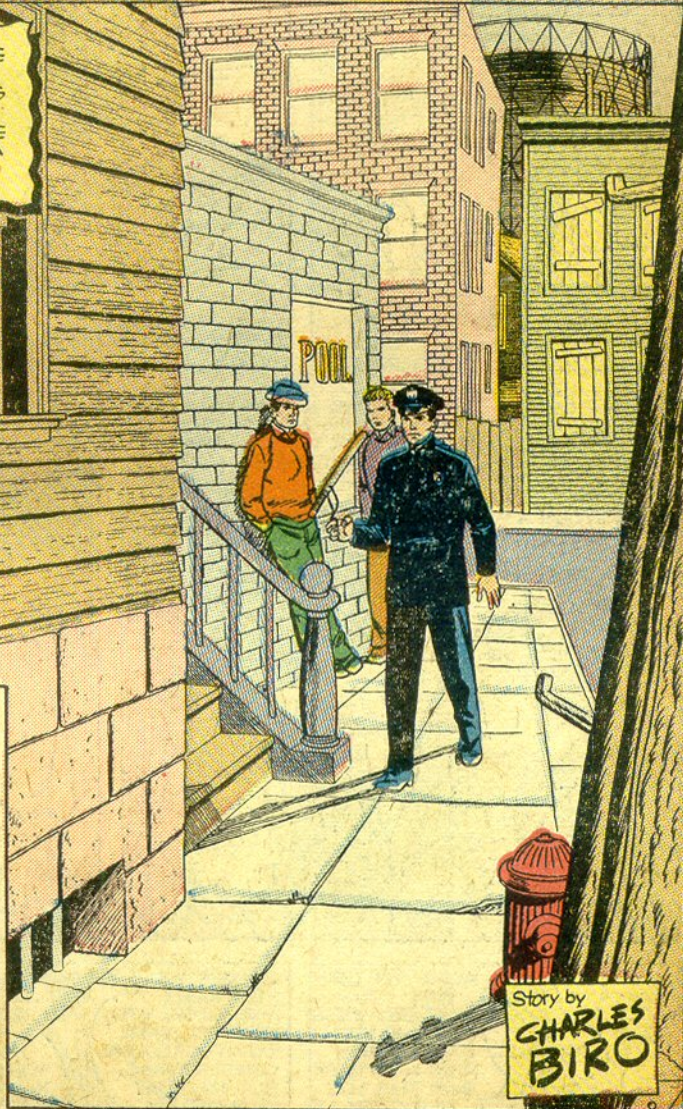
IT'S NOW OR NEVER!



# The LITTLE WISE GUYS

in "ROBBIN' THE FLAG"

THIS IS SOMEWHAT AN UNUSUAL ROLE FOR THE LITTLE WISE GUYS! THEY'RE PAST MASTERS IN THE ART OF GETTING INTO MISCHIEVOUS TROUBLE, BUT IN THIS STORY, IT IS THEY WHO HELP SOME OTHER BOYS GET OUT OF A MESS OF A MUCH MORE SERIOUS NATURE!



Story by  
**CHARLES BIRO**

JUST ONE MORE NEW ASSIGNMENT, JIM BOYD! YOU'RE RELIEVED OF TRAFFIC DUTY! BEGINNING TODAY, YOU WILL PATROL THE GAS DISTRICT! IT'S A ROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD, JIM! WATCH YOU STEP!



WHAT'S THE BOSS GOT AGAINST YOU, JIM? YOU'D BETTER KEEP UP ON YOUR LIFE INSURANCE POLICY! THAT DISTRICT HAS BRED MORE CRIMINALS THAN THE WHOLE CITY PUT TOGETHER!

I ASKED THE SARGE FOR IT! I'VE GOT A REASON, STEVE!



HEY, LET'S ASK PUSSY TO PUT UP A PRIZE FOR ROBBIN' THE FLAG GRAB!

HIYA, FELLERS—SO YA WANNA PLAY A LITTLE ROBBIN' THE FLAG?



SURE! HOW MUCH DOUGH ARE YOU GONNA PUT UP FOR THE GUY WHO GETS IT THIS TIME?

FIVE BUCKS! OKAY?

OH, BOY—A FIN!



WHAT A MAN! I'M FOR YOU, PUSSY!



I DON'T MIND PUTTIN' UP THE FIVER, BUT YOU GUYS ARE TOO TAME! HOW ABOUT SOME REAL ROUGH ACTION THIS TIME? THERE YOU ARE! THE DOUGH GOES TO THE GUY WHO GETS IT!



HEY, LEGGO, YA CRUMB- I'LL KICK YA IN THE TEETH!

YE'RE CHOKIN' ME... UGGG...



WHAT'S GOIN' ON? CUT OUT THAT BRAWLING, YOU!

C...COPS! L...LEGGO!



IF YOU KIDS DON'T BREAK THIS UP RIGHT NOW, I'LL RUN YOU ALL IN!

THIS IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, COPPER! ALL WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS GET THAT HANKIE!



AN' WE GET FIVE BUCKS IF WE DO! WHY DON'T YOU GO PEDDLE YOUR PARKING TICKETS AND LEAVE US ALONE! THIS IS JUST A GAME! ASK PUGGY! HE'S THE ONE WHO GIVES US THE DOUGH!

A GAME, EH? I'D SAY IT WAS MORE LIKE A RIOT! LOOK AT YOU-YOUR FOLKS WILL APPRECIATE BUYING YOU NEW CLOTHES, I SUPPOSE!



I GUESS YOU'RE PUGGY- YOU OUGHT TO HAVE YOUR HEAD EXAMINED! WHAT IF ONE OF THESE YOUNGSTERS GOT SERIOUSLY HURT!

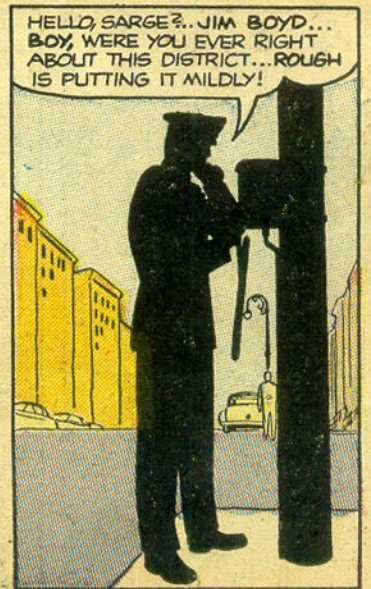
IT'S NO SKIN OFF YOUR NOSE! WHY DON'T YOU TAKE TH' KIDS' ADVICE, BLUEBOY, AN' AMSCRAY!



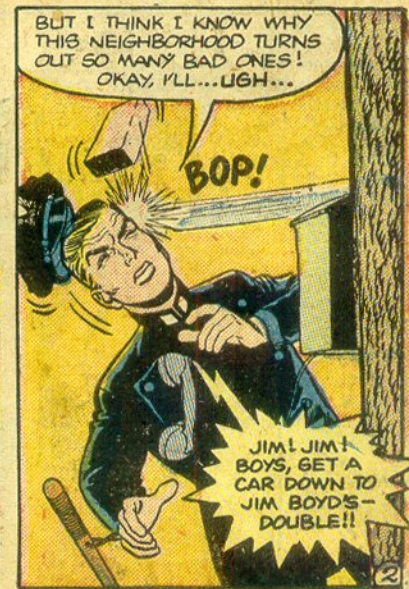
THE NEXT TIME YOU DISTURB THE PEACE, I'LL HAVE YOU BOOKED!

PRETTY BRAVE, AIN'TCHA, BEHIND THAT TIN BADGE! COME AROUND WHEN YOU'RE OFF DUTY SOME TIME, AN' SAY THAT!

FAT CHANCE, PUGGY- HE MAY BE CHICKEN, BE HE AIN'T CRAZY!



HELLO, SARGE?... JIM BOYD... BOY, WERE YOU EVER RIGHT ABOUT THIS DISTRICT... ROUGH IS PUTTING IT MILDLY!



BUT I THINK I KNOW WHY THIS NEIGHBORHOOD TURNS OUT SO MANY BAD ONES! OKAY, I'LL... UGH...

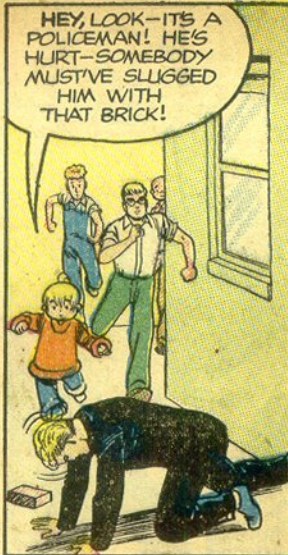
BOP!

JIM! JIM! BOYS, GET A CAR DOWN TO JIM BOYD'S- DOUBLE!!

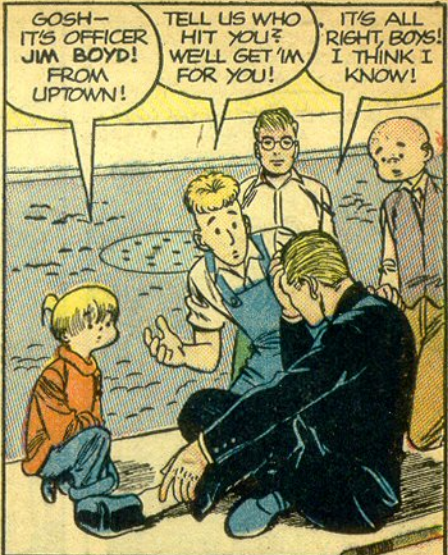


THIS IS THE GAS DISTRICT, ISN'T IT? WE'D BETTER WATCH OUT FOR TROUBLE!

YOU SAID IT—THE LAST TIME WE WERE IN THIS SECTION, WE HAD TO FIGHT OUR WAY OUT!



HEY, LOOK—IT'S A POLICEMAN! HE'S HURT—SOMEBODY MUST'VE SLUGGED HIM WITH THAT BRICK!



GOSH—IT'S OFFICER JIM BOYD! FROM UPTOWN!

TELL US WHO HIT YOU? WE'LL GET 'IM FOR YOU!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, BOYS! I THINK I KNOW!



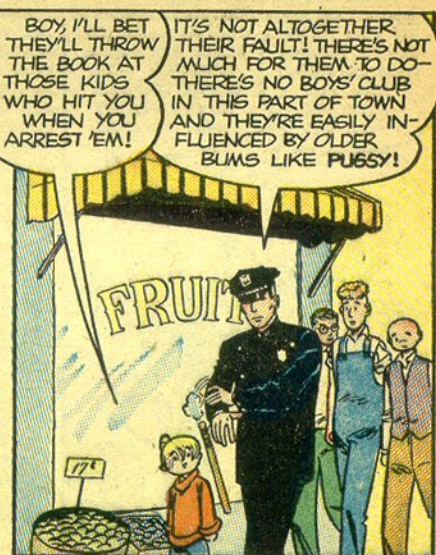
I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, BOYD! I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD! WHO SLUGGED YOU? WAS IT THESE HOODLUMS?

NO! THESE BOYS ARE OUR FRIENDS! THEY'RE THE LITTLE WISE GUYS! I WISH ALL KIDS WERE LIKE THEM!



WHY DON'T YOU KNOCK OFF FOR THE DAY, JIM? THAT HEAD OF YOURS DOESN'T LOOK SO HOT!

FORGET IT! I'M ALL RIGHT—I'LL SEE YOU BACK AT THE PRECINCT!



BOY, I'LL BET THEY'LL THROW THE BOOK AT THOSE KIDS WHO HIT YOU WHEN YOU ARREST 'EM!

IT'S NOT ALTOGETHER THEIR FAULT! THERE'S NOT MUCH FOR THEM TO DO—THERE'S NO BOYS' CLUB IN THIS PART OF TOWN AND THEY'RE EASILY INFLUENCED BY OLDER BUMS LIKE PUGSY!



I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! THEY NEED SOMEBODY TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN THEM! IF GOOD PEOPLE DON'T, THEN THE BAD ONES TAKE OVER! THEY NEED WHOLESOME ATHLETIC OUTLETS FOR THEIR ENERGIES!

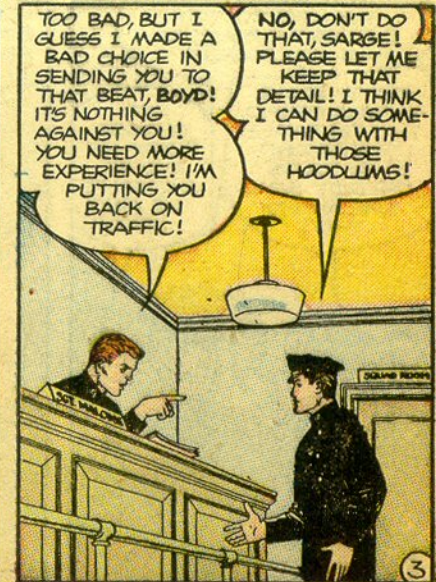
I'D LIKE TO TAKE THEM OUT ON A BALLFIELD JUST ONCE, BUT THERE ISN'T A ONE WHO'S GOT A GLOVE, I'LL BETCHA!



WE'LL LEND YOU OUR GLOVES AN' STUFF! WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF EXTRA EQUIPMENT! WHEN DO YOU WANT IT?

THAT'S GREAT, BOYS! CAN YOU HAVE IT HERE TOMORROW MORNING?

SURE! SEE YOU THEN!



TOO BAD, BUT I GUESS I MADE A BAD CHOICE IN SENDING YOU TO THAT BEAT, BOYD! IT'S NOTHING AGAINST YOU! YOU NEED MORE EXPERIENCE! I'M PUTTING YOU BACK ON TRAFFIC!

NO, DON'T DO THAT, SARGE! PLEASE LET ME KEEP THAT DETAIL! I THINK I CAN DO SOMETHING WITH THOSE HOODLUMS!

JIM WAS MARRIED TO A LOVELY BUT CURIOUS GIRL! AT 8:00 A.M. THE NEXT MORNING...

BUT JIM, YOU'RE NOT TO BE ON DUTY TILL FOUR AND WHY AREN'T YOU IN UNIFORM?

I'LL ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS TONIGHT AT DINNER! SEE YOU, HONEY!

GOSH, JIM! I HARDLY KNEW YOU IN CIVIES, WE'VE GOT THE BASEBALL STUFF YOU WANTED!

CAN WE HELP YOU?

NO THANKS, I'VE GOT AN IDEA, AND I HAVE TO HANDLE IT ALONE! YOU KIDS RUN ALONG, I'LL SEE YOU LATER!

OKAY, BUT I WISH I KNEW WHAT YOU WERE UP TO!

HEY, LOOK! PUGSY'S GOT THE FLAG ON THE POLE AGAIN!

SURE, THAT COP DIDN'T SCARE HIM! HE'S GOT GUTS!

SEEN! HOW WE WERE INTERRUPTED YESTERDAY! YOU GUYS CAN FINISH YOUR LITTLE GAME NOW!

SUPPOSIN' THAT NEW COP SHOWS UP?

LET HIM SHOW, PUGSY WILL KNOW HOW TO TAKE HIM DOWN!

HEY, PUGSY! AIN'T THAT THE NEW COP WITHOUT HIS UNIFORM?

I GOTTA MAKE A PHONE CALL!

HEY! YOU AIN'T NO COP NOW! WHERE'S YOUR UNIFORM? GET PUGSY!

DID PUGSY PUT YOU UP TO THIS AGAIN? I TOLD YOU BOYS TO CUT OUT THE STREET BRAWLING!

YOU'LL WISH YOU HAD WORN YOUR UNIFORM!

SURE! HE'S TAKING PUGSY UP ON HIS DARE!

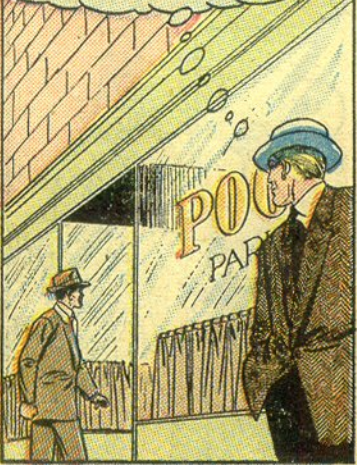
HEY, PUGSY! WHERE YA GOIN'? HERE'S YOUR CHANCE! HE'S NOT IN HIS UNIFORM!

HEY, PUGSY! YOU SAID YOU'D PASTE HIM IF HE TOOK IT OFF!

SO HE'S THE GUY YOU THINK IS SO TERRIFIC! THE GUY WITH ALL THE GUTS! I TOLD HIM THAT THE NEXT TIME HE RILED YOU BOYS UP I'D HAVE HIM PICKED UP FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE! NOW GO ON HOME!



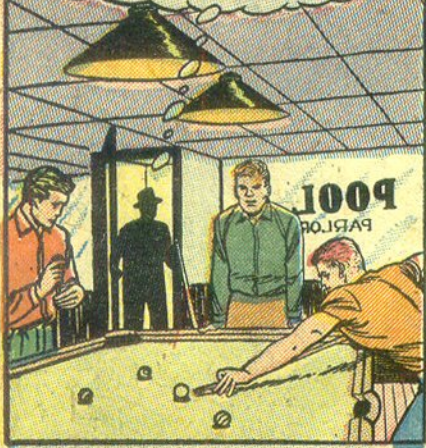
POOL MUST BE GETTING REAL POPULAR! THAT'S THE TENTH GUY THAT WENT IN THERE!



I CAN'T HELP THOSE KIDS UNTIL I STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT WITH CUPPERT, AND HIS HOTSHOT PALS, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S COMING OUT!



ONLY THREE GUYS PLAYING POOL! BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THOSE OTHER GUYS THAT WALKED IN HERE AND WHERE'S CUPPERT?

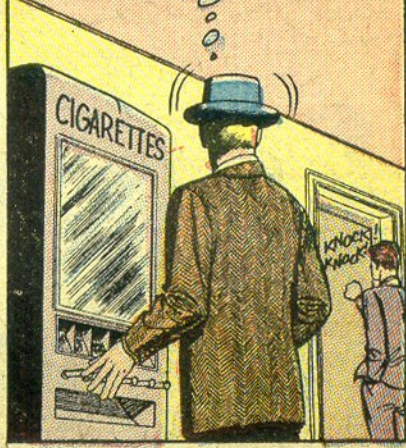


DID A GUY NAMED CUPPERT COME IN HERE?

LOOK FOR YOURSELF IF YOU DON'T SEE HIM, HE AIN'T HERE! I AIN'T A NURSEMAID! I'M THE MANAGER!



OH! A BACK ROOM, AND IT TAKES TWO KNOCKS TO GET IN!



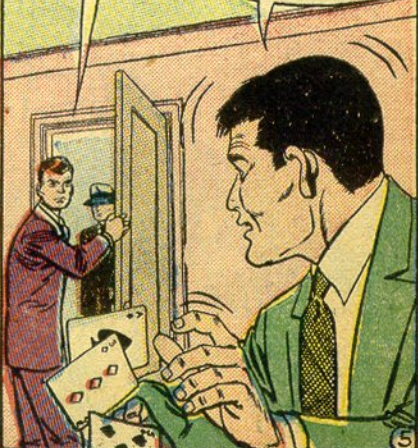
WHAT'D YOU WANT?

I'M LOOKING FOR A GUY NAMED PUGSY CUPPERT!



HEY, CUPPERT! YA GOT A VISITOR!

YA JERK! THAT'S THE COP I WAS TALKIN' ABOUT! GET RID OF HIM!





HELLO, PUGSY! TOO LATE! I'M IN! SAY! WHAT KIND OF A RACKET ARE YOU GUYS RUNNING IN HERE?

YOU'VE BEEN ITCHING FOR TROUBLE SINCE THE MINUTE YOU WALKED ON TO THIS BEAT! GRAB HIM, BOYS!



WE'VE GOT HIM, PUGSY!

NOW, YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU ASKED FOR!



CUPPERT, YOU'RE A HOPHEAD! IF HE'S A COP, THAT WAS A STUPID THING TO DO!

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? OF COURSE HE'S A COP! AND NOW THAT HE'S SEEN OUR SET-UP HE HAS TO GO!



RUB OUT A COP? YOU'RE CRAZY! THAT'S THE QUICKEST ROAD TO THE CHAIR!

OKAY, SMART GUY! LET HIM GO, AND YOU'LL ALL TAKE A RIDE UP THE RIVER!

NOT IF WE DON'T WAIT AROUND TILL HE COMES BACK!



THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER BURGERS! PACK UP, BOYS! WE'RE MOVIN'!

WHY YOU... BECAUSE OF ONE ROOKIE COP WE GIVE UP THIS TERRIFIC DOPE PUSHING OPERATION! I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WERE A CHICKEN LIVER!



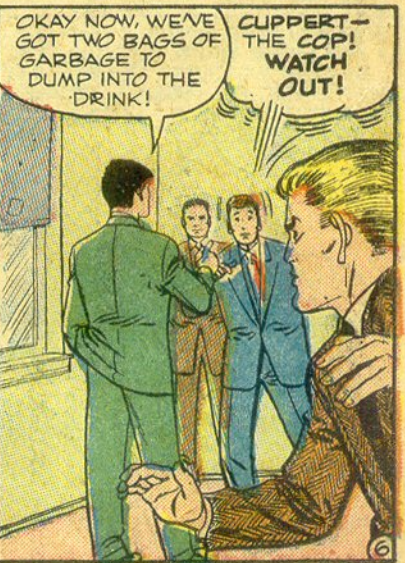
SHOVE THOSE WORDS DOWN HIS THROAT, BOYS!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, GUYS! ASK HIM WHY HE DOESN'T TRY IT HIMSELF! HE'S YELLOW, THAT'S WHY!

YOU HEARD ME! I'M STILL THE BOSS!



SEE! THE BOYS DON'T AGREE WITH YOU! YOU WERE THE BOSS!



OKAY NOW, WE'VE GOT TWO BAGS OF GARBAGE TO DUMP INTO THE DRINK!

CUPPERT - THE COP! WATCH OUT!





LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO WITHOUT THAT GUN!

GIMME A HAND, YOU GUYS!

HE'S ALL YOURS, PUGSY! HAVE FUN!

CLAMPED IN A MORTAL STRUGGLE! OFFICER BOYD AND PUGSY CUPPERT BOTH FELL TO THE FLOOR, THE POLICEMAN'S HEAD STRIKING HARD!



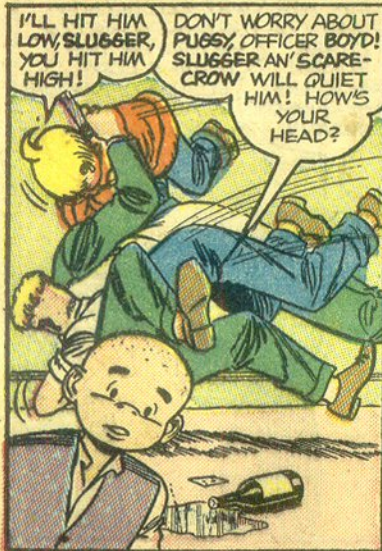
YOU YELLOW RATS— COME BACK!



THIS WAS THE ADVANTAGE CUPPERT NEEDED...

NOSEY ROOKIE, I'M GONNA FINISH YOU AND NOBODY ELSE IS GONNA BUST UP THIS POLICY!

NOW YOU I HOPE THOSE TWO WE PUT TO SLEEP STAY THAT WAY FOR A WHILE!



I'LL HIT HIM LOW, SLUGGER, YOU HIT HIM HIGH!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT PUGSY, OFFICER BOYD! SLUGGER AN' SCARE-CROW WILL QUIET HIM! HOW'S YOUR HEAD?



PRETTY WELL NOW, BUT YOU WON'T SAY THE SAME FOR THIS DOPE PEDDLING BUM! THANKS, WISE GUYS!

PUGSY CUPPERT IS OUR PAL! WHAT ARE YOU WISE GUYS DOING IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, ANYWAY?

OH, OH— MORE EXERCISE COMIN' UP!



WE CAME AROUND BECAUSE WE'RE SO CRAZY ABOUT YOU GUYS!



IF YOU GUYS HAD ANY SENSE YOU'D BE GLAD WE CAME— YOUR SWEET PAL PUGSY, IT TURNS OUT IS A NARCOTICS PUSHER!

NOT TO MENTION BEING A DOPE PEDDLER!

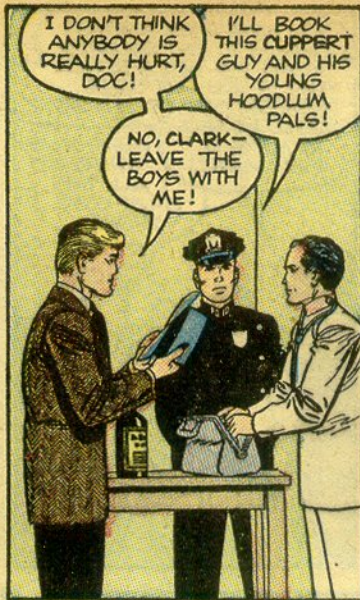
WE WANT TO BE FRIENDLY WITH YOU GUYS!



ALL OF YOU COME ON INTO THE PATROL WAGON! IS ANYBODY HURT? AN AMBULANCE IS ON THE WAY! WHO STARTED ALL THIS?

SAVE YOUR STRENGTH SCARE-CROW! I GUESS THAT ABOUT ENDS THIS FREE FOR ALL!

HEY, OFFICER BOYD!





HEY, LOOK—IT'S A BASEBALL FIELD!

AND THE WISE GUYS... I DON'T GET IT!



YOU BOYS HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE! I'VE GOT A HUNCH THAT IF YOU PUT YOUR ENERGIES INTO DECENT SPORTS, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE IT PERMANENT!

GEE, THANKS! WHERE DID ALL THIS STUFF COME FROM?



THE WISE GUYS GAVE IT TO YOU FOR KEEPS!

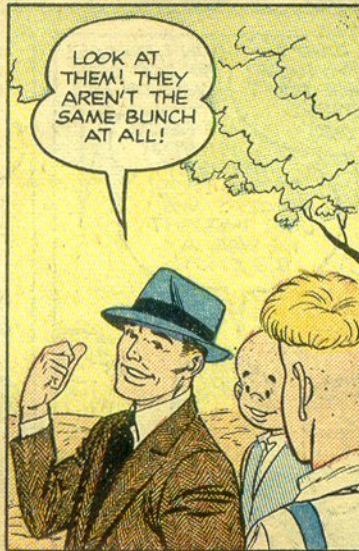
ZOWIE—WE CAN FORM A REAL BALL TEAM! HOW ABOUT IT, GUYS?

THAT'S FOR ME!



BOY, THIS BEATS ROBBIN' THE FLAG!

I GUESS I'M OUTTA PRACTICE!



LOOK AT THEM! THEY AREN'T THE SAME BUNCH AT ALL!



THIS FIELD BELONGS TO THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN PLAYING HERE PERMANENTLY, FILL OUT THESE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS! DO YOU WANT TO JOIN?

HOT ZIG!

DO I? GIMME!

COUNT ME IN!



THE NEXT DAY, OFFICER BOYD WAS CALLED BY HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER. OTHER CHANGES WERE ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE...

BOYD—REPORT TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE! I THINK HE HAS A SURPRISE FOR YOU!



...AND THE LOOK OF THE GAS DISTRICT...

FOR INSTANCE BOYD'S PROMOTION... OFFICER BOYD YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING THAT MANY OTHERS BEFORE YOU HAD TRIED WITHOUT SUCCESS! YOU'VE CLEANED UP ONE OF THE WORST NEIGHBORHOODS IN OUR CITY! FOR THIS, I AM PRIVILEGED TO PROMOTE YOU TO DETECTIVE IN BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER!



WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD? THE POOL HALL IS EMPTY AND THE BOYS ARE BEGINNING TO ACT LIKE GENTLEMEN!

THEY FOUND A BETTER WAY TO SPEND THEIR TIME! TODAY'S THEIR FIRST GAME OF THE P.A.L. SEASON! THAT'S WHERE I'M GOIN'! WANNA COME?

The END

# TEACHER'S PETS

MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT ANIMALS ACT PURELY ON INSTINCT AND THAT THEY ARE NOT ENDOWED WITH THE ABILITY TO REASON. HOWEVER, AFTER READING SOME OF THESE TRUE INCIDENTS OF ANIMAL THINKING, WE WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED TO SEE A HORSE ASK US FOR AN EDITORIAL INTERVIEW!



A little chimpanzee at the St. Louis Zoo was losing one of his baby teeth. The tooth was loose and wobbled when the chimp touched it with his finger, but it did not come out. Apparently it was causing him great pain. His comrades in the same cage showed intense concern and several of them tried to pull the tooth loose but they couldn't get a good hold. Finally an attendant who happened to notice the commotion tossed a pair of pliers into the cage. After a few experiments the chimp succeeded in pulling the tooth. Afterwards all the

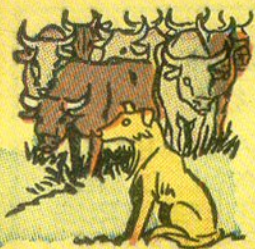
other chimps took turns jumping up and down on the nasty old tooth, which had been thrown on the floor.

**IZZIE, THE WHISTLER.** Seven years ago a family in Cleveland, Ohio, found a newly hatched robin and brought it home as a pet. The robin, named Izzie, was placed in the garage along with several parakeets, cockateels, and canaries. The bird proved to be an apt student and soon learned to whistle as well as the other birds. Today Izzie can whistle a tune similar to "Yankee Doodle," and can duplicate the family's whistle call for Bambi, an English Manchester pup, an act which the poor dog can't figure out. Izzie also "wolf whistles" at visiting females.

Every morning at five o'clock, Mutt, a six-year old collie, awakes its owner at Medina, Tennessee, by howling outside his bedroom window. The dog's owner taught Mutt this trick - but he can't explain how the dog is able to tell time with such ceremony.



**NATURE'S CLIMATE CONTROL.** Long before man ever thought of controlling temperatures by special types of insulating materials, the praying mantis was making thermos bottles to protect her eggs from the weather. She surrounds the eggs with a frothy mass of bubbles which works on the same principle as our thermos bottles. No matter how cold or warm the air gets, the tender eggs within are thoroughly protected. It took man many centuries to produce effective insulation, yet the mantis does it without any training or study.



Several years ago lightning set fire to a farmer's barn in Hudson, Michigan. In the barn were twenty-five cows and the farmer instantly thought of them when he saw the leaping flames. Help was needed to keep the flames from spreading, so he had no time to drive the cattle from the barn. In desperation, he whistled for his collie dog, Scotty, and ordered him to drive out the cows. Then the farmer turned and ran for help. When he returned, he found the barn a smoking ruin, but all was not lost. In the adjoining pasture the startled farmer found his cows, all twenty-five of them, safe and sound with Scotty keeping them together.

**FAITHFUL UNTIL DEATH.** Near Greyfriars Churchyard in Edinburgh, Scotland, stands a memorial fountain and statue, erected in honor of a little Skye terrier named Greyfriars Bobby. For 14 years after his master died in 1858, Bobby guarded the grave in this churchyard day and night. A nearby restaurant owner fed the dog daily, while the sexton built a shelter for him on the spot where he kept his lone vigil. One day the dog was found lying across the grave — dead. In tribute to his lifelong loyalty and devotion, the dog was buried beside his master.

**THE EDUCATED PORPOISE.** The Marine Studios at Marineland, Florida, are the locale of Flippy, a porpoise which had been trained to ring for his dinner, retrieve sticks, honk a horn, jump through hoops, and tow a surfboard carrying a girl and a dog. All who have seen Flippy perform concede that he is a genuinely smart animal, with a superior mental development, as evidenced by the ease with which he is able to master new tricks. At the present time Flippy is learning to pull a rope that raises Marineland's porpoise pennant to the top of a mast.

**HORSE SENSE.** A horse owner in Germany, convinced that horses were capable of solving complex problems, set out to prove his point with an Arabian stallion named Muhamed. The horse's learning proceeded with startling rapidity. Within a week he could recognize numbers such as four or six, and go to the blackboard and point to them with his nose. Within two weeks he could reply to the sums of two given numbers, and by the end of six weeks Muhamed could figure difficult problems in higher mathematics by stamping out the answers with his forefeet.



Horses know their oats — and the oxen of Spain know their wine. For twenty years, the oxen at the iron mines of Mondragon, in northern Spain, have been given wine in order to pep them up. The employees tried to pull a fast one on their four-legged friends and diluted the wine with water. The oxen wouldn't touch it, however, and refused to drink until they got the real stuff — with the customary dash of pepper and cinnamon added.

# DILLY DUNCAN

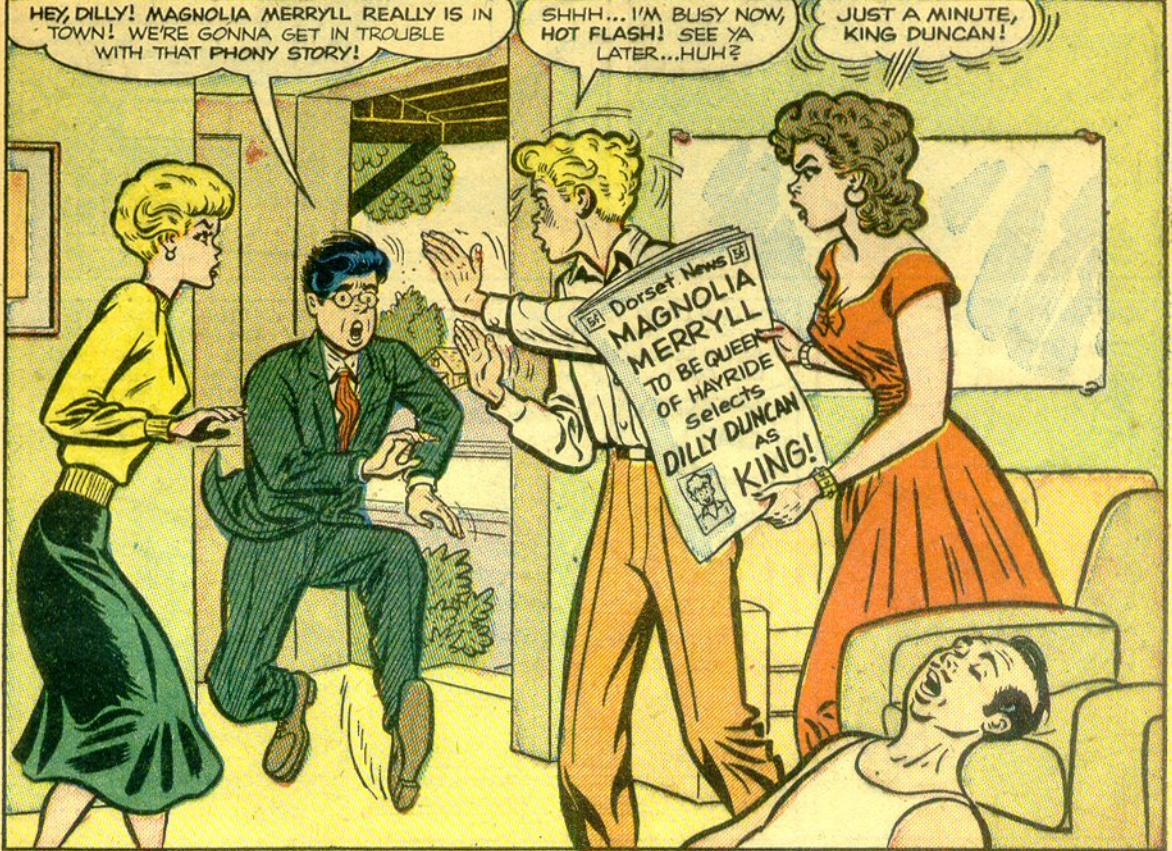
IN "DILLY'S  
HAYMAKER"

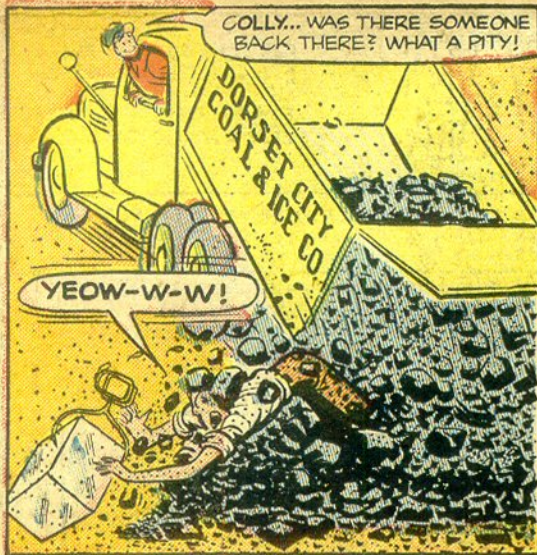
DILLY'S HEARD OF THE POWER OF THE PRESS, BUT HE NEVER THOUGHT THAT PUBLISHING A LIE IN THE PAPER WOULD MAKE IT COME TRUE! BUT WHEN HE SUDDENLY GOT A GLAMOROUS HOLLYWOOD STAR FOR HIS DATE TO THE HAYRIDE, HE WAS WILLING TO BELIEVE ANYTHING!

HEY, DILLY! MAGNOLIA MERRYLL REALLY IS IN TOWN! WE'RE GONNA GET IN TROUBLE WITH THAT PHONY STORY!

SHHH... I'M BUSY NOW, HOT FLASH! SEE YA LATER...HUH?

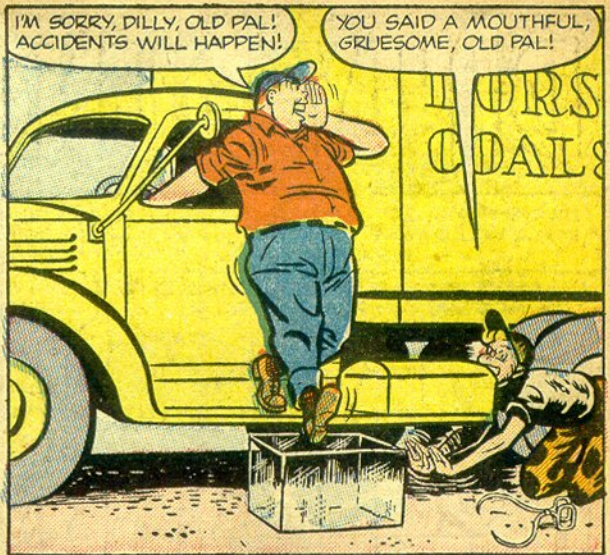
JUST A MINUTE, KING DUNCAN!





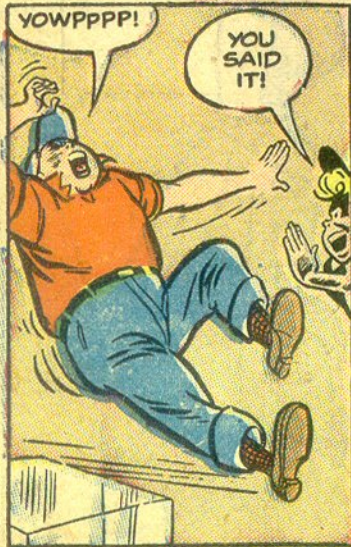
COLLY... WAS THERE SOMEONE BACK THERE? WHAT A PITY!

YEOW-W-W!



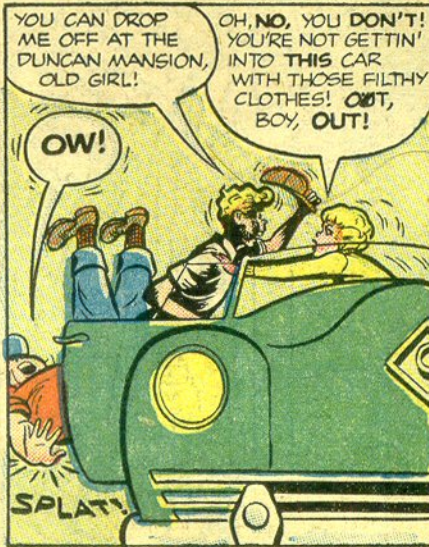
I'M SORRY, DILLY, OLD PAL! ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN!

YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL, GRUESOME, OLD PAL!



YOWPPPP!

YOU SAID IT!



OW!

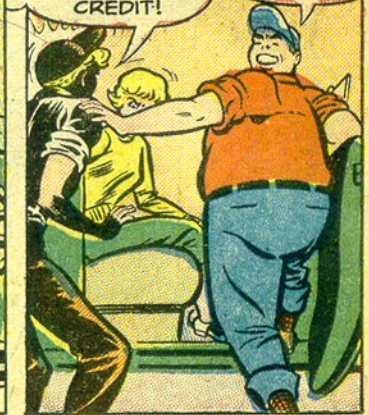
SPLAT!

YOU CAN DROP ME OFF AT THE DUNCAN MANSION, OLD GIRL!

OH, NO, YOU DON'T! YOU'RE NOT GETTIN' INTO THIS CAR WITH THOSE FILTHY CLOTHES! OUT, BOY, OUT!

YOU'RE GETTING PRETTY HIGH AND MIGHTY SINCE YOUR OLD MAN BOUGHT YOU THIS CONVERTIBLE - ON CREDIT!

ONE SIDE, BEAN BRAIN! CAN'T YOU TELL WHEN YOU'RE NOT WANTED?



I'VE TAKEN ABOUT ENOUGH FROM YOU, DILLY DUNCAN!

CAN'T YOU TAKE A SMART CRACK? I'M HITCHING A RIDE, ANYWAY! MAKE ROOM, BEEF TRUST!



GLUPPP!

GO BACK TO YOUR ICE, ROMEO! IT'S NOT AS COLD AS CAROL'S GONNA BE FROM NOW ON!



HOW ABOUT TAKING IN THE BIG HAYRIDE WITH ME, CAROL? IT'S TIME YOU GAVE THAT CRUMB, DILLY, THE BRUSH!

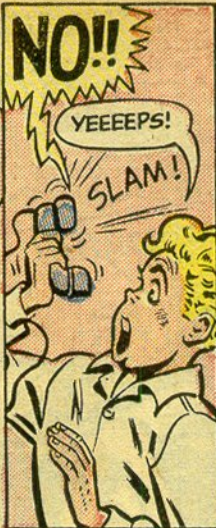
HE HASN'T EVEN MENTIONED IT TO ME! I'M SICK OF THE WAY HE ALWAYS WAITS TILL THE LAST MINUTE!...OKAY! I'LL SHOW HIM! YOU'VE GOT A DATE!



SOUNDS LIKE SHE WAS PRETTY SORE, DILLY! DO YOU THINK YOU OUGHTA CALL HER SO SOON?

DON'T WORRY, MARV! I'LL HAVE HER EATING OUTTA MY HAND...

HI, CAROL! THIS IS YOUR LOVER BOY! HOW ABOUT TAKIN' IN TH' HAYRIDE WITH ME?



NO!!

YEEEEEP!

SLAM!



WHAT DID SHE SAY, DILLY?

SHE DIDN'T SAY 'YES' AN SHE DIDN'T SAY 'MAYBE'! I'LL SHOW HER! SHE ISN'T THE ONLY FISH IN THE SEA! I'LL OPEN THAT GRUESOME'S EYES, TOO!



IF THIS IS SOMETHING TO GET GRUESOME'S GOAT, I'M YOUR MAN!

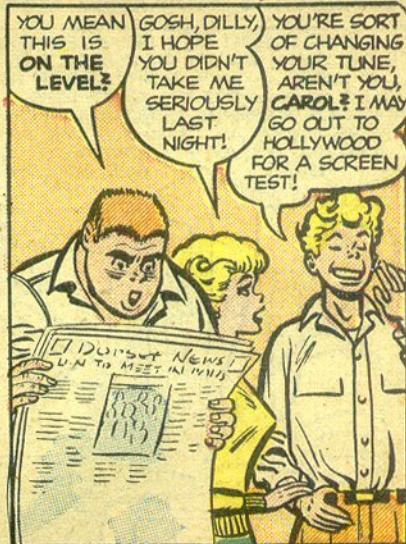
OKAY, LISSEN... MAGNOLIA MERRYLL'S BEEN MAKIN' PERSONAL APPEARANCE TOURS AROUND THE STATE! I WANT YOU TO WRITE A STORY!

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THE NEXT DAY... BUT...BUT... I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US, DILLY?

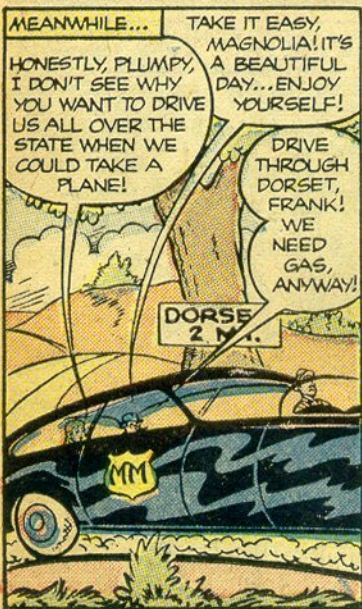
I DON'T LIKE TO BRAG... HEH! HEH! HEH!



YOU MEAN THIS IS ON THE LEVEL?

GOSH, DILLY, I HOPE YOU DIDN'T TAKE ME SERIOUSLY LAST NIGHT!

YOU'RE SORT OF CHANGING YOUR TUNE, AREN'T YOU, CAROL? I MAY GO OUT TO HOLLYWOOD FOR A SCREEN TEST!

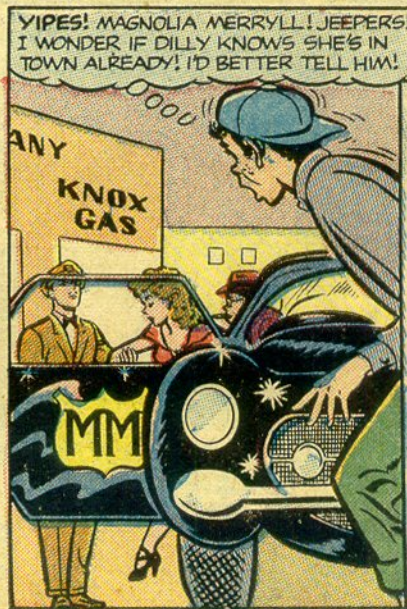


MEANWHILE... HONESTLY, PLIMPY, I DON'T SEE WHY YOU WANT TO DRIVE US ALL OVER THE STATE WHEN WE COULD TAKE A PLANE!

TAKE IT EASY, MAGNOLIA! IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY... ENJOY YOURSELF!

DRIVE THROUGH DORSET, FRANK! WE NEED GAS, ANYWAY!

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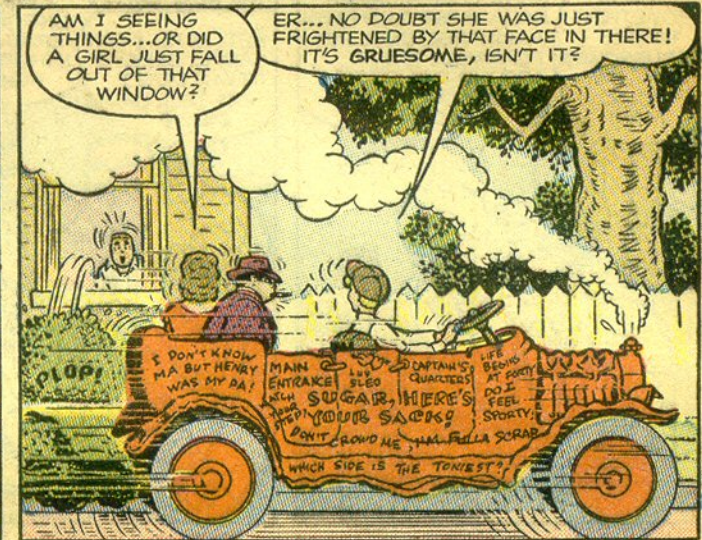
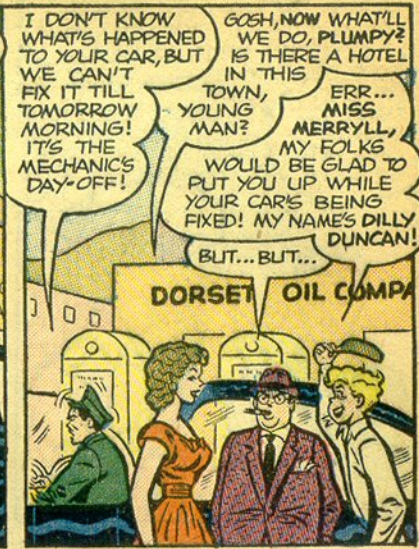
YIPES! MAGNOLIA MERRYLL! JEEPERS! I WONDER IF DILLY KNOWS SHE'S IN TOWN ALREADY! I'D BETTER TELL HIM!



PSST... DILLY, MAGNOLIA MERRYLL IS DOWN AT THE GAS STATION... SHE'S IN TOWN!

MAGNOLIA'S IN TOWN? HOW INTERESTING!... MAGNOLIA'S IN TOWN! WHAT TOWN?





WHY THE TANTRUMS, DILLY? WEREN'T YOU EXPECTING HER?

WHY...UH... SURE! SURE... OF COURSE! I WAS! I DIDN'T EXPECT HER, SO... EARLY! THAT'S ALL... YES, INDEED!

GET OUT OF THERE, DILLY! I DON'T NEED ANY HELP!

YOU'RE JUST BEING MODEST, HARRY! I'LL CHECK TH' OIL FOR YOU!

I'LL JUST SWIPE THE DISTRIBUTOR CAP! MAYBE I'LL GET A CHANCE TO ASK HER TO THE HAYRIDE AFTER ALL!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOUR CAR, BUT WE CAN'T FIX IT TILL TOMORROW MORNING! IT'S THE MECHANIC'S DAY-OFF!

GOSH, NOW WHAT'LL WE DO, PLUMPY? IS THERE A HOTEL IN THIS TOWN, YOUNG MAN?

ERR... MISS MERRYLL, MY FOLKS WOULD BE GLAD TO PUT YOU UP WHILE YOUR CAR'S BEING FIXED! MY NAME'S DILLY DUNCAN!

BUT... BUT...

RELAX, CAROL! I KNOW WHEN DILLY IS LYING, AND THAT LINE ABOUT MAGNOLIA MERRYLL IS AS PHONY AS A TWELVE DOLLAR BILL!

I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT AT FIRST... BUT... WAIT! I HEAR HIS CAR! HE'S PROBABLY GOING TO GIVE ME SOME STORY ABOUT HOW SHE COULDN'T MAKE IT!

AM I SEEING THINGS... OR DID A GIRL JUST FALL OUT OF THAT WINDOW?

ER... NO DOUBT SHE WAS JUST FRIGHTENED BY THAT FACE IN THERE! IT'S GRUESOME, ISN'T IT?

I... I... H... HOPE YOU LIKE COCOA, M... MISS MERRYLL!

TAKE IT EASY, KID! YOU'LL HAVE A STROKE!

HE'LL HAVE A STROKE! WE'RE LOSING TWO BOOKINGS WHILE WE SIT IN THIS CRUMMY BURG!

DILLY!!

ER... HELLO, POP!

DON'T 'HELLO, POP' ME! WHAT'S THIS POPPYCOCK ABOUT YOU AND MAGNOLIA MERRYLL? I'M THE LAUGHIN' STOCK OF THE... OF TH... GULP!

WAS THIS ONE OF YOUR DUMB PUBLICITY STUNTS, PLUMPY? HAYRIDE QUEEN? WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

WAIT A MINUTE, MISS MERRYLL! THERE'S A VERY SIMPLE EXPLANATION! YOU'LL ALL GET A BIG LAUGH OUT OF IT... OH, OH, EXCEPT DAD, I GUESS!

PLOP!

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Y'SEE, IT ALL STARTED WHEN MY GIRL MADE A DATE WITH SOMEBODY ELSE, AND...

OH, DILLY... I HAD TO TELL YOU RIGHT AWAY! I BROKE THAT DATE WITH GRUESOME! I TOLD HIM WE HAD STANDING DATES FOR ALL IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS!



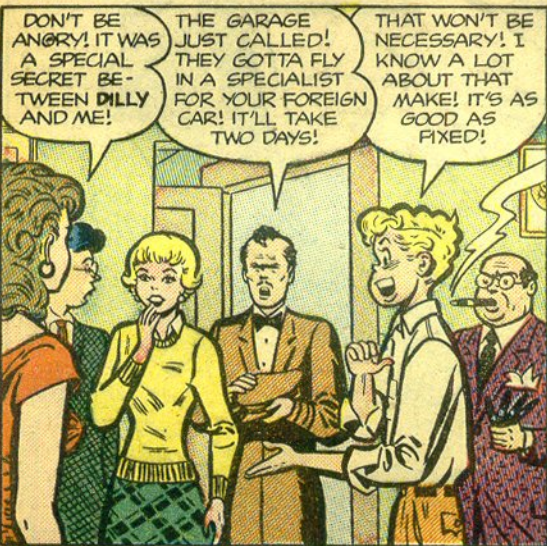
IF YOU'VE MADE SUCH A BIG SACRIFICE, THE LEAST I CAN DO IS STEP ASIDE AND LET YOU BE QUEEN!

GOSH! I HEAR MAGNOLIA IS REALLY IN TOWN!



NOW YOUR ON THE SPOT, DILLY! I TOLD YOU IT WAS A DUMB ID... GULP!

WAIT A MINUTE! I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHT - DIM AS IT IS!



DON'T BE ANGRY! IT WAS A SPECIAL SECRET BETWEEN DILLY AND ME!

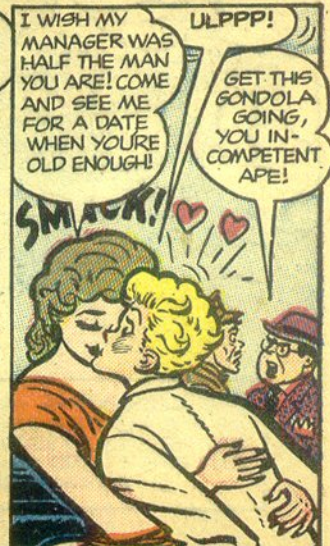
THE GARAGE JUST CALLED! THEY GOTTA FLY IN A SPECIALIST FOR YOUR FOREIGN CAR! IT'LL TAKE TWO DAYS!

THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY! I KNOW A LOT ABOUT THAT MAKE! IT'S AS GOOD AS FIXED!



THAT DOES IT! JUST A COUPLE OF ...UH... LOOSE WIRES!

YOU'RE WONDERFUL! COME HERE, DILLY!



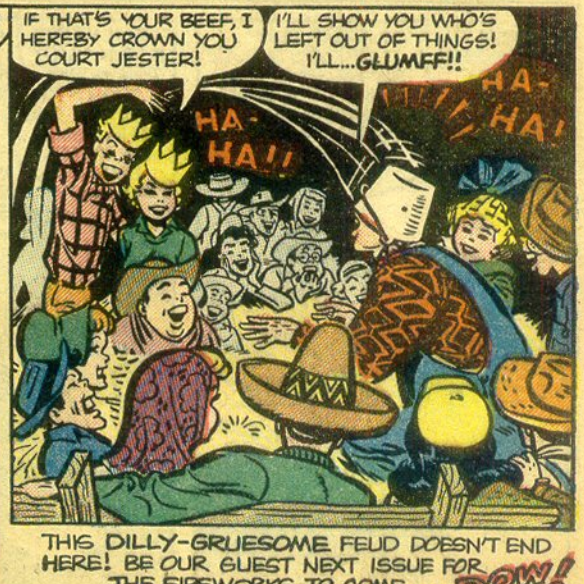
I WISH MY MANAGER WAS HALF THE MAN YOU ARE! COME AND SEE ME FOR A DATE WHEN YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH!

ULPPP! GET THIS GONDOLA GOING, YOU IN-COMPETENT APE!



HEY! I JUST REMEMBERED! SINCE WHEN HAVE WE HAD A QUEEN AND A KING FOR A SEEDY HAY-RIDE?

WHAT'S THE MATTER, GRUESOME? FEEL LEFT OUT OF THINGS?



IF THAT'S YOUR BEEF, I HEREBY CROWN YOU COURT JESTER!

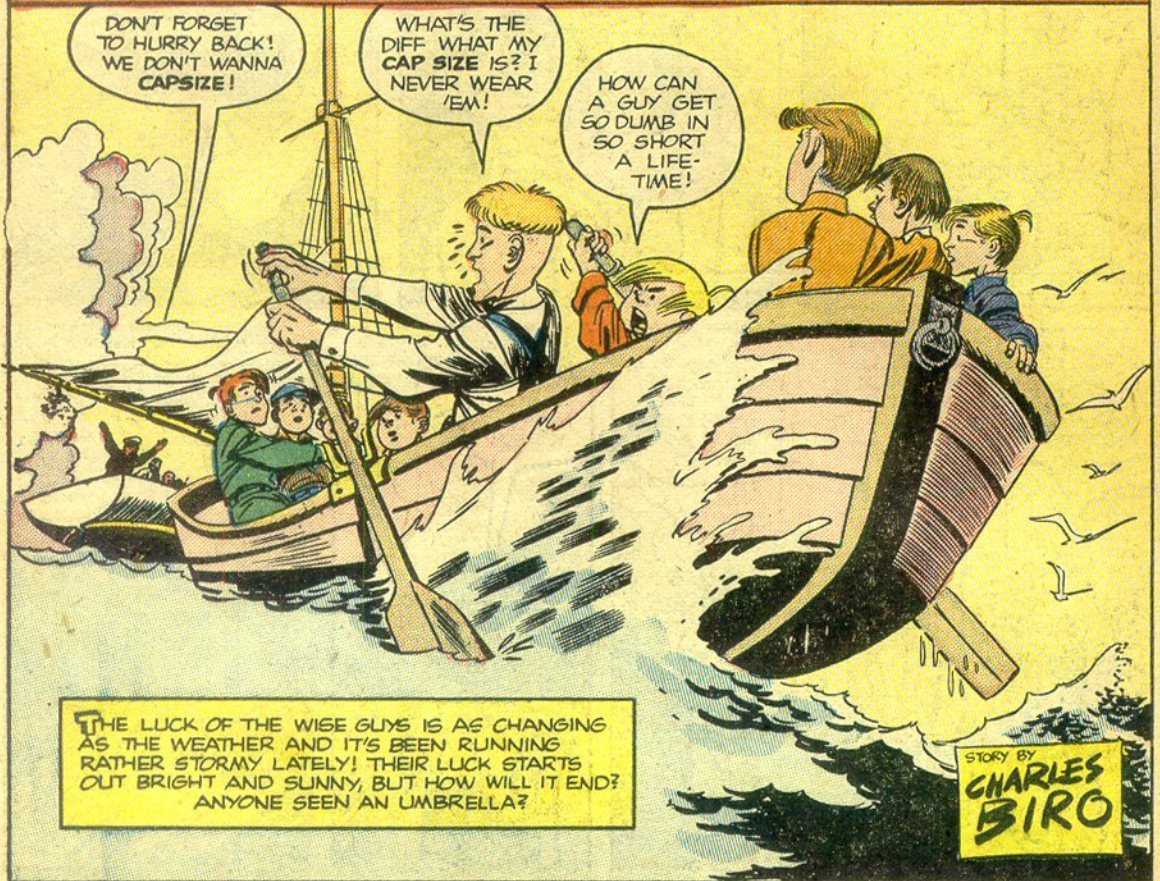
I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S LEFT OUT OF THINGS! I'LL...GLUMFF!!

THIS DILLY-GRUESOME FEUD DOESN'T END HERE! BE OUR GUEST NEXT ISSUE FOR THE FIREWORKS TO COME.... POW!

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# LITTLE WISE GUYS

in "WE'RE SUNK"



DON'T FORGET TO HURRY BACK! WE DON'T WANNA CAPSIZE!

WHAT'S THE DIFF WHAT MY CAP SIZE IS? I NEVER WEAR 'EM!

HOW CAN A GUY GET SO DUMB IN SO SHORT A LIFE-TIME!

THE LUCK OF THE WISE GUYS IS AS CHANGING AS THE WEATHER AND IT'S BEEN RUNNING RATHER STORMY LATELY! THEIR LUCK STARTS OUT BRIGHT AND SUNNY, BUT HOW WILL IT END? ANYONE SEEN AN UMBRELLA?

STORY BY  
**CHARLES BIRO**



C'MON IN, SLUGGER! HAVE SOME FUN!

GO AHEAD, LIVE IT UP! YOU SHOULD BE HELPING ME THINK OF A WAY OF MAKIN' SOME MONEY INSTEAD OF GOOFING OFF!



HEY! WHAT'S FUNNY ABOUT THAT, DURK? I OUGHT TO BUST YOU ONE! YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR SMELLS!

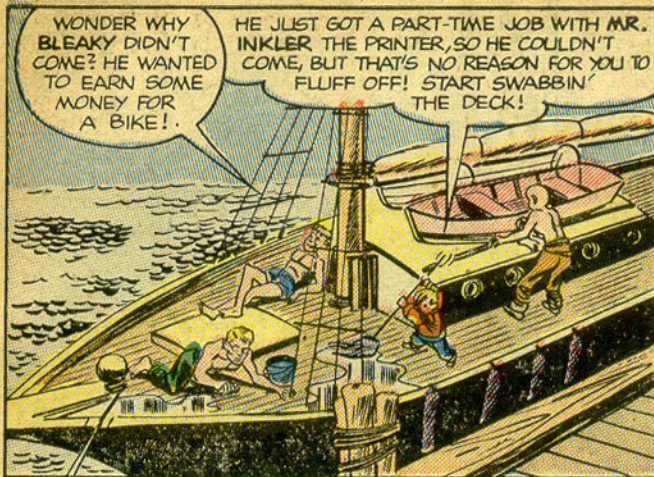
AW, WHY DON'T YOU SIT ON THE SHORE WITH YOUR DOPEY FRIEND, SLUGGER, AN' YOUR OTHER PAL, BLEAKY, WHO'S MOONING OVER A BIKE HE HASN'T GOT? -



HIYA, BOYS! ANY OF YOU KIDS CARE TO EARN SOME MONEY? I'M HAVING A BOAT PARTY TOMORROW NIGHT! WE NEED HELP FOR POLISHING BRASS AND CLEANING THE SHIP!

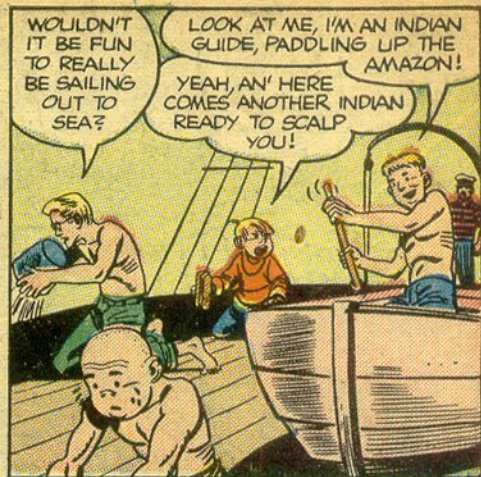
LEAD US TO IT, MR. WINDWARD! I'M A BEAVER!

IT'S FUNNY—THAT'S JUST WHAT WE WERE THINKING ABOUT... MONEY!



WONDER WHY BLEAKY DIDN'T COME? HE WANTED TO EARN SOME MONEY FOR A BIKE!!

HE JUST GOT A PART-TIME JOB WITH MR. INKLER THE PRINTER, SO HE COULDN'T COME, BUT THAT'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO FLUFF OFF! START SWABBIN' THE DECK!



WOULDN'T IT BE FUN TO REALLY BE SAILING OUT TO SEA?

LOOK AT ME, I'M AN INDIAN GUIDE, PADDLING UP THE AMAZON!

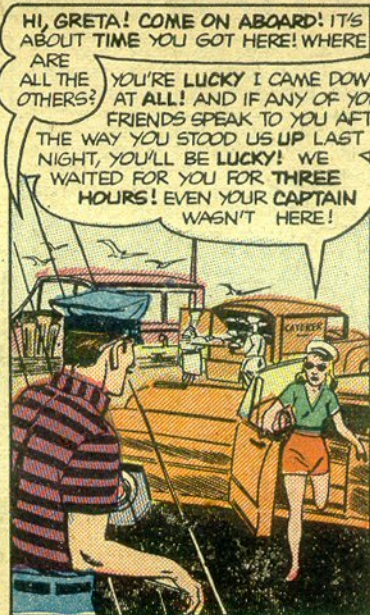
YEAH, AN' HERE COMES ANOTHER INDIAN READY TO SCALP YOU!



I HOPE YOU BOYS ARE ABOUT FINISHED! THE PARTY WAS SUPPOSED TO START AT SIX! I DON'T KNOW WHY THE GUESTS AREN'T HERE YET!

WE JUST HAVE TO CLEAN UP THE GEAR, AND WE'RE DONE!

THERE'S A CAR COMING NOW, MR. WINDWARD!



HI, GRETA! COME ON ABOARD! IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT HERE! WHERE ARE ALL THE OTHERS?

YOU'RE LUCKY I CAME DOWN AT ALL! AND IF ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS SPEAK TO YOU AFTER THE WAY YOU STOOD US UP LAST NIGHT, YOU'LL BE LUCKY! WE WAITED FOR YOU FOR THREE HOURS! EVEN YOUR CAPTAIN WASN'T HERE!



DIDN'T YOU EVEN READ THE INVITATIONS THAT YOU SENT OUT? IT SAID FRIDAY, THE SIXTH!

THE SIXTH? GOOD GOSH! I THOUGHT TODAY WAS THE SIXTH!

WHERE SHALL WE PUT THE REST OF THE FOOD, MR. WINDWARD?

COHHH... PUT IT ANYWHERE! WHAT'LL I DO WITH ALL THIS FOOD?



THE SHIP IS YOURS, WISE GUYS! GET YOUR GANG AND HAVE A PARTY! I'M DISGUSTED! I'M GETTING AWAY FROM HERE FOR THE EVENING! THE CAPTAIN WILL BE IN CHARGE!

HEY, IS HE SERIOUS?

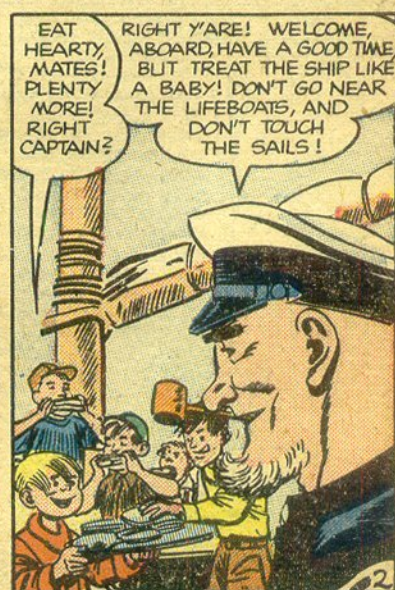
YOU HEARD HIM!

HOT DIGGETY DOG!



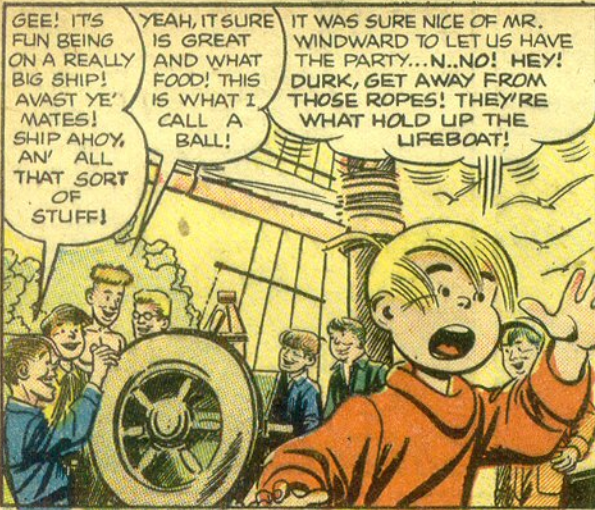
C'MON, THERE'S A PARTY AND FOR FREE ON A BIG YACHT! IT'S ON THE WISE GUYS!

LET'S GET THERE BEFORE ALL THE FOOD IS GONE!



EAT HEARTY, MATES! PLENTY MORE! RIGHT CAPTAIN?

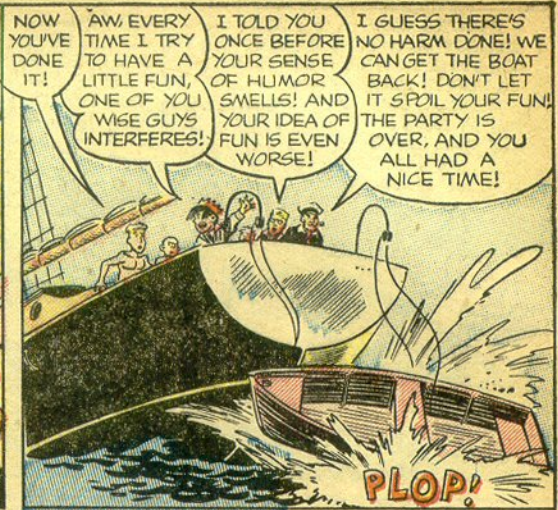
RIGHT Y'ARE! WELCOME ABOARD, HAVE A GOOD TIME BUT TREAT THE SHIP LIKE A BABY! DON'T GO NEAR THE LIFEBOATS, AND DON'T TOUCH THE SAILS!



GEE! IT'S FUN BEING ON A REALLY BIG SHIP! AVAST YE' MATES! SHIP AHOY, AN' ALL THAT SORT OF STUFF!

YEAH, IT SURE IS GREAT AND WHAT FOOD! THIS IS WHAT I CALL A BALL!

IT WAS SURE NICE OF MR. WINDWARD TO LET US HAVE THE PARTY...N..NO! HEY! DURK, GET AWAY FROM THOSE ROPES! THEY'RE WHAT HOLD UP THE LIFEBOAT!



NOW YOU'VE DONE IT!

AW, EVERY TIME I TRY TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN, ONE OF YOU WISE GUYS INTERFERES!

I TOLD YOU ONCE BEFORE YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR SMELLS! AND YOUR IDEA OF FUN IS EVEN WORSE!

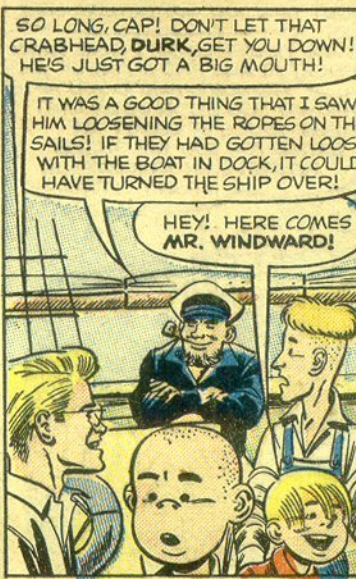
I GUESS THERE'S NO HARM DONE! WE CAN GET THE BOAT BACK! DON'T LET IT SPOIL YOUR FUN! THE PARTY IS OVER, AND YOU ALL HAD A NICE TIME!



THANKS A LOT, CAPTAIN! AN' SO LONG, WISE GUYS! THIS WAS THE BEST PARTY WE'VE EVER BEEN TO!

YOU'RE A BAD KID, DURK! IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT, YOU'LL BE IN REAL TROUBLE ONE OF THESE DAYS!

THE FOOD WAS GOOD BUT THE COMPANY WAS DULL! AN' THAT INCLUDES YOU, GOAT FACE!



SO LONG, CAP! DON'T LET THAT CRAB-HEAD, DURK, GET YOU DOWN! HE'S JUST GOT A BIG MOUTH!

IT WAS A GOOD THING THAT I SAW HIM LOOSENING THE ROPES ON THE SAILS! IF THEY HAD GOTTEN LOOSE WITH THE BOAT IN DOCK, IT COULD HAVE TURNED THE SHIP OVER!

HEY! HERE COMES MR. WINDWARD!



I'M GLAD YOU HAD A NICE TIME! MY FIANCEE, GRETA HAS PERSUADED ME TO VISIT HER FAMILY IN MAINE FOR TWO WEEKS! I HATE TO SEE THE BOAT STAY IDLE, SO SINCE YOU BOYS HAVE DONE SUCH A GOOD JOB OF CLEANING UP AFTER YOUR OWN PARTY EVEN, YOU MAY HAVE THE USE OF THE SHIP WHILE I'M GONE! OKAY WITH YOU, CAPTAIN?

FINE WITH ME, MR. WINDWARD! THEY'RE A FINE BUNCH OF KIDS!



IF WE COULD HAVE A PARTY ON THE BOAT AND SELL TICKETS, WE COULD MAKE THE REST OF THE MONEY WE NEED FOR OUR BASKETBALL UNIFORMS!

SOUNDS GREAT! GO AHEAD, HAVE AN ALL-DAY SAIL!

IT'S FINE WITH ME! BUT MAKE SURE THAT THAT TROUBLE-MAKER, DURK, ISN'T ABOARD, AND DON'T SELL MORE THAN FORTY TICKETS! MORE THAN THAT ON THE SHIP WOULD BE DANGEROUS!



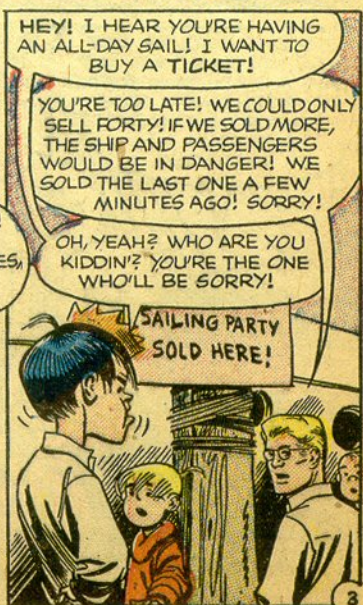
SEVERAL DAYS LATER...

WELL, HOW ARE WE DOING?

WELL, FORTY TICKETS AT FIFTY CENTS A PIECE MAKES TWENTY BUCKS PLUS WHAT MR. WINDWARD GAVE US FOR CLEANING THE SHIP, MAKES FORTY BUCKS!

AND WE MANAGED NOT TO SELL A TICKET TO DURK WHICH WAS EASIER THAN I THOUGHT, AND A PLEASURE!

OH, OH! HERE HE COMES, THE PAIN!



HEY! I HEAR YOU'RE HAVING AN ALL-DAY SAIL! I WANT TO BUY A TICKET!

YOU'RE TOO LATE! WE COULD ONLY SELL FORTY! IF WE SOLD MORE, THE SHIP AND PASSENGERS WOULD BE IN DANGER! WE SOLD THE LAST ONE A FEW MINUTES AGO! SORRY!

OH, YEAH? WHO ARE YOU KIDDIN'? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'LL BE SORRY!

SAILING PARTY SOLD HERE!

HEY, BLEAKY, I KNOW HOW YOU CAN GET THAT BIKE YOU'RE ALWAYS HARPING ON! THE WISE GUYS NEED TICKETS FOR THEIR EXCURSION! IF WE PRINT THEM AND SELL 'EM FOR THE WISE GUYS, WE'LL MAKE MONEY ON EVERY ONE WE SELL!

MY BOSS IS OUT OF TOWN! WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF MR. INKLER WOULD LIKE ME TO DO IT!



MR. INKLER WON'T KNOW— GREAT—NOW CLEAN IT UP... WE DON'T WANT HIM TO FIND OUT! HE JUST MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND!

WELL, IF YOU SAY IT'S ALL RIGHT... I HOPE THE WISE GUYS APPRECIATE THIS!



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COUNT ME IN!

I'LL TAKE ONE

PLENTY FOR ALL— DON'T MOB!

GIMME TWO TICKETS!



BOY, I'D LIKE TO SEE THE WISE GUYS' FACES WHEN ALL THOSE KIDS TRY TO GET ON THE BOAT! HERE'S YOUR SHARE OF THE MONEY!

B...BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT THE WISE GUYS WANTED US TO SELL THE TICKETS!



BOY, YOU ARE A DOPE! DON'T LET ON THAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THOSE TICKETS, OR YOU'LL BE IN TROUBLE!

THE DAY OF THE SAIL...

I COUNTED OVER A HUNDRED ALREADY! WHAT GREATLY!

LOOKS LIKE MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED!

WHAT HAVE YOU KIDS BEEN UP TO?



HEY—LET ME ON— HERE'S MY TICKET!

LET US ON OR GIVE US OUR MONEY BACK!

IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME MY MONEY BACK, I'M GOING TO CALL A POLICEMAN!



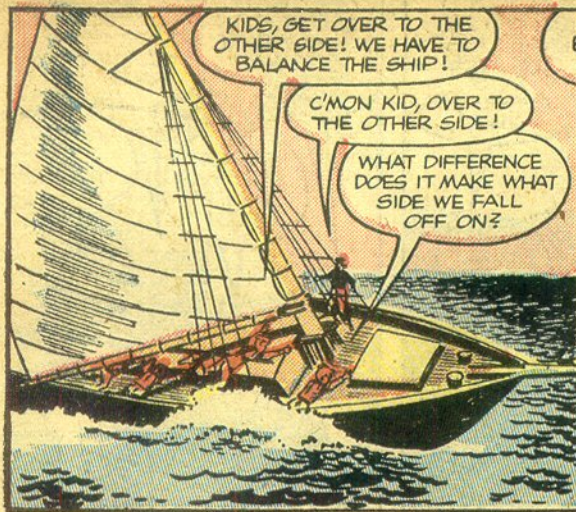
WE'VE GOT TO SHOVE OFF BEFORE THOSE ANGRY KIDS SINK THE SHIP RIGHT HERE IN DOCK! I TOLD YOU KIDS NOT TO SELL MORE THAN FORTY TICKETS!

SHOVE OFF!

BUT... BUT CAPTAIN, WE ONLY...



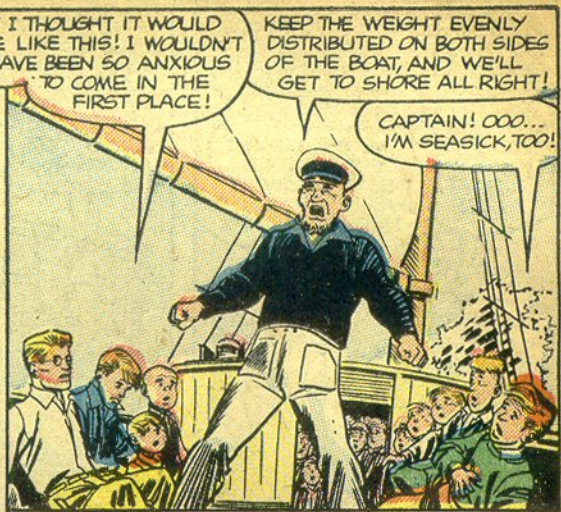
NEVER MIND NOW! I'LL SETTLE WITH YOU LATER!



KIDS, GET OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE! WE HAVE TO BALANCE THE SHIP!

C'MON KID, OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE!

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE WHAT SIDE WE FALL OFF ON?



IF I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS! I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO ANXIOUS TO COME IN THE FIRST PLACE!

KEEP THE WEIGHT EVENLY DISTRIBUTED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BOAT, AND WE'LL GET TO SHORE ALL RIGHT!

CAPTAIN! OOO... I'M SEASICK, TOO!

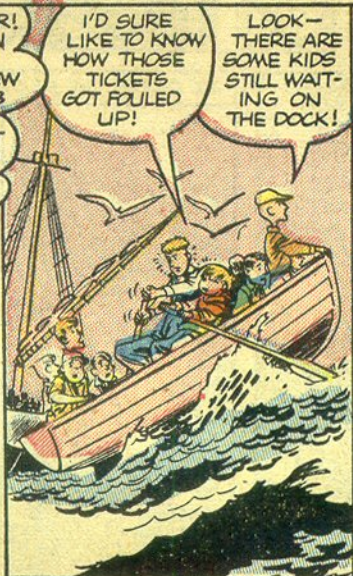


WHAT HAPPENS NOW, CAPTAIN?

THE LIFEBOAT AND YOU CAN TAKE A FEW ASHORE AT A TIME! I HOPE THAT MOB OF KIDS HAS GONE!

WE'RE ON A SANDBAR! WE HAVE TO LIGHTEN THE BOAT! I'LL LOWER THE LIFEBOAT AND YOU CAN TAKE A FEW ASHORE AT A TIME! I HOPE THAT MOB OF KIDS HAS GONE!

C'MON, BOYS! A FEW AT A TIME!... SLUGGER AND SCARECROW WILL ROW YOU ASHORE!



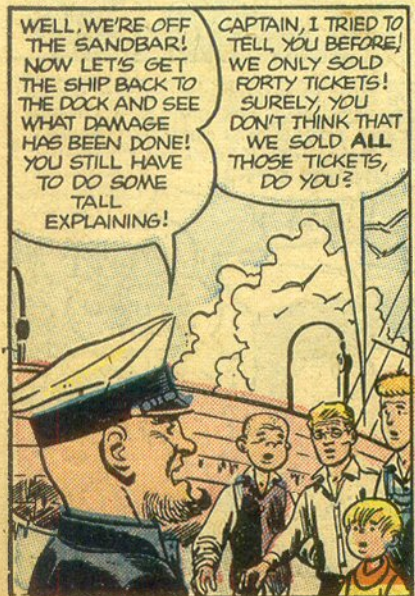
I'D SURE LIKE TO KNOW HOW THOSE TICKETS GOT FOULED UP!

LOOK— THERE ARE SOME KIDS STILL WAITING ON THE DOCK!



THE OTHER KIDS LEFT, AN' ARE THEY MAD! WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED, AND WE'RE GLAD WE DIDN'T GO, BUT SOME ONE BETTER PAY BACK OUR MONEY AND DO SOME EXPLAINING!

WE STILL HAVE TO GET THE OTHER KIDS OFF THE SHIP AND BRING THE SHIP INTO THE DOCK! DON'T WORRY, WE'LL FIX IT ALL UP SOMEHOW!



WELL, WE'RE OFF THE SANDBAR! NOW LET'S GET THE SHIP BACK TO THE DOCK AND SEE WHAT DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE! YOU STILL HAVE TO DO SOME TALL EXPLAINING!

CAPTAIN, I TRIED TO TELL YOU BEFORE! WE ONLY SOLD FORTY TICKETS! SURELY, YOU DON'T THINK THAT WE SOLD ALL THOSE TICKETS, DO YOU?



I'D HATE TO THINK THAT YOU WISE GUYS WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MR. WINDWARD AND ENDANGER THE LIVES OF SO MANY BOYS! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK! THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE POLICE! I'M JUST A CAPTAIN OF A SHIP!

PLEASE CAPTAIN, GIVE US A CHANCE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS BEFORE YOU CALL THE POLICE!



MR. WINDWARD COMES BACK ON MONDAY! I'LL GIVE YOU UNTIL THEN TO SQUARE YOURSELVES!

GOSH, THANKS, CAPTAIN!



IT SURE WAS FUN, EVEN GETTING CLIMBING THE MAST, AND LOOKING OUT TO SEA!

EVEN GETTING A MOUTHFUL OF WATER WAS FUN!

BUT I GUESS THAT'S THE LAST TIME WE GET INVITED!

I EVEN LIKED SCRUBBIN' THE DECKS!



WE KNOW WE PRINTED AND SOLD ONLY FORTY TICKETS! SOMEONE MUST'VE PRINTED AND SOLD TICKETS FOR THE SAME NIGHT FOR OUR BOAT PARTY!

SCARECROW! I WISH YOU'D STOP PLAYIN' WITH THOSE TICKETS AND HELP US THINK... IF YOU KNOW HOW- THAT IS!



THESE'RE THE TICKETS WE COLLECTED AT THE DOCK!

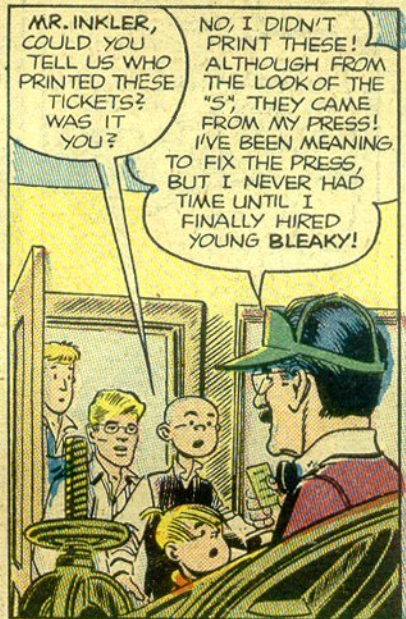
THE TICKETS-THAT'S OUR CLUE, LET'S COMPARE THEM ALL!

HERE'S ONE THAT WE HAD PRINTED! IT EVEN LOOKS LIKE A DIFFERENT COLORED PAPER, AND COMPARE THE INK!



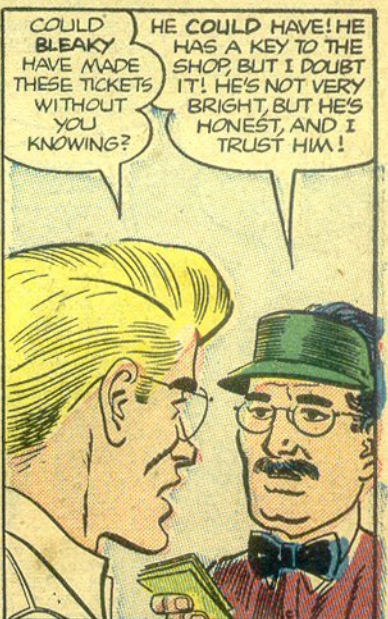
YOU'RE RIGHT-WE DIDN'T PRINT THESE!

LET'S GO TO MR. INKLER'S SHOP! MAYBE HE CAN TELL US WHAT KIND OF A PRESS THESE WERE PRINTED ON! C'MON...



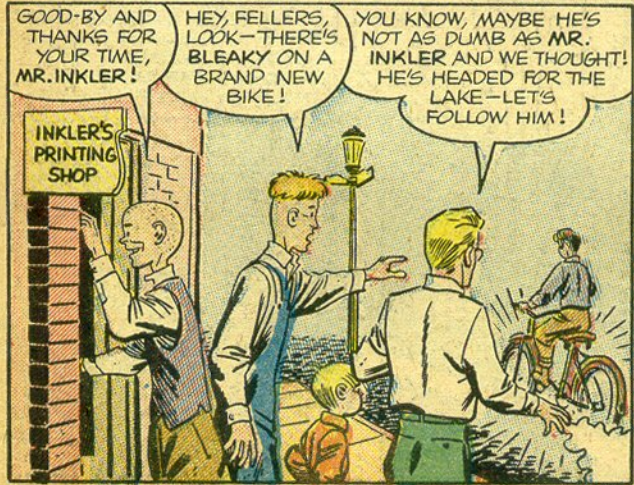
MR. INKLER, COULD YOU TELL US WHO PRINTED THESE TICKETS? WAS IT YOU?

NO, I DIDN'T PRINT THESE! ALTHOUGH FROM THE LOOK OF THE "S", THEY CAME FROM MY PRESS! I'VE BEEN MEANING TO FIX THE PRESS, BUT I NEVER HAD TIME UNTIL I FINALLY HIRED YOUNG BLEAKY!



COULD BLEAKY HAVE MADE THESE TICKETS WITHOUT YOU KNOWING?

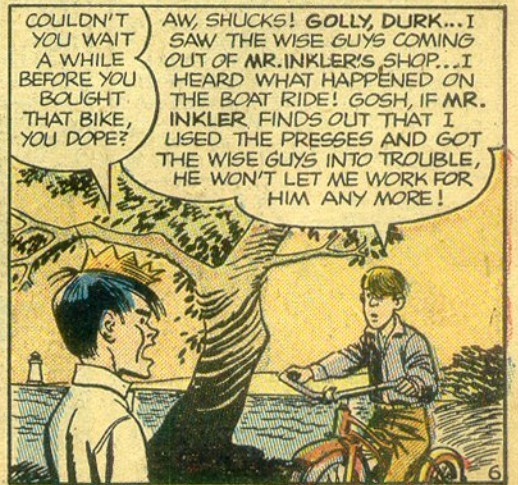
HE COULD HAVE! HE HAS A KEY TO THE SHOP, BUT I DOUBT IT! HE'S NOT VERY BRIGHT, BUT HE'S HONEST, AND I TRUST HIM!



GOOD-BY AND THANKS FOR YOUR TIME, MR. INKLER!

HEY, FELLERS, LOOK-THERE'S BLEAKY ON A BRAND NEW BIKE!

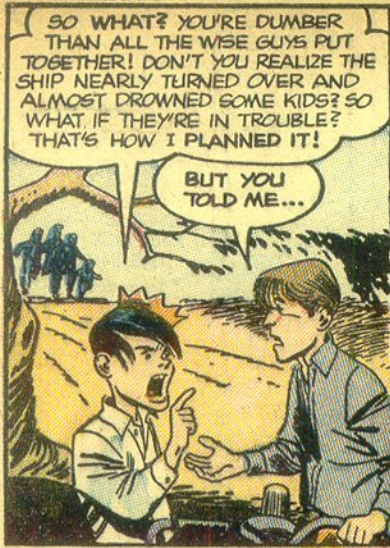
YOU KNOW, MAYBE HE'S NOT AS DUMB AS MR. INKLER AND WE THOUGHT! HE'S HEADED FOR THE LAKE-LET'S FOLLOW HIM!



COULDN'T YOU WAIT A WHILE BEFORE YOU BOUGHT THAT BIKE, YOU DOPE?

AW, SHUCKS! GOLLY, DURK...I SAW THE WISE GUYS COMING OUT OF MR. INKLER'S SHOP...I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED ON THE BOAT RIDE! GOSH, IF MR. INKLER FINDS OUT THAT I USED THE PRESSES AND GOT THE WISE GUYS INTO TROUBLE, HE WON'T LET ME WORK FOR HIM ANY MORE!





SO WHAT? YOU'RE DUMBER THAN ALL THE WISE GUYS PUT TOGETHER! DON'T YOU REALIZE THE SHIP NEARLY TURNED OVER AND ALMOST DROWNED SOME KIDS? SO WHAT IF THEY'RE IN TROUBLE? THAT'S HOW I PLANNED IT!

BUT YOU TOLD ME...



YEAH, YEAH, AND I'M TELLING YOU NOW, SO LISTEN! FIRST WE GET RID OF THIS BIKE! SECOND, ACT AS DUMB AS YOU REALLY ARE AND DON'T MENTION A WORD TO ANYONE— ESPECIALLY THE WISE GUYS!

PLEASE DON'T THROW MY NEW BIKE INTO THE LAKE... OH, GOSH!



WHAT ARE YOU THROWING HIS NEW BIKE INTO THE LAKE FOR, DURK?

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! BLEAKY AND I ARE HAVING A LITTLE FRIENDLY ARGUMENT! NOW GET OUT OF HERE!

NO! WAIT!



GOLLY, SLUGGER, I THOUGHT I WAS DOING YOU GUYS A FAVOR! DURK TOLD ME YOU WANTED ME TO! NOW HE SAYS YOU'RE IN REAL TROUBLE AND THAT'S THE WAY HE PLANNED IT! I'M SORRY!

BLEAKY, YOU REALLY ARE A DOPE! YOU'RE EVEN DUMBER THAN SCARECROW! BUT WE LIKE YOU! THANKS FOR THE INFO!

THANKS, SLUGGER!



HE GOT AWAY!

LET HIM GO! IF BLEAKY WILL CLEAR US WITH THE CAPTAIN, THAT'S ALL WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT!

THE POLICE WILL TAKE CARE OF DURK!



THIS BOY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A CULPRIT!

HE'S REALLY NOT, CAPTAIN JIM—JUST A GUY WHO CHOSE A WRONG FRIEND!

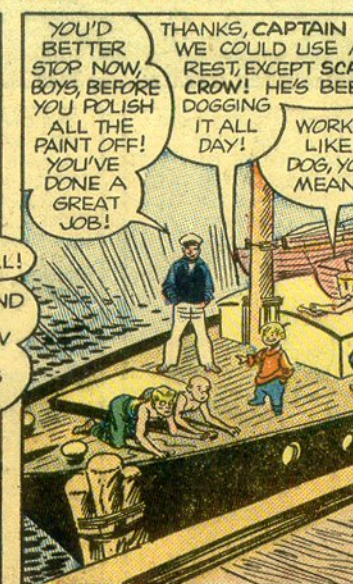
I DIDN'T MEAN NO HARM! I TOLD THE WISE GUYS AN' I'LL TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED....



DON'T TELL ME WHO IT WAS! LEAVE ME GUESS! IT WAS DURK...AM I RIGHT? SURE...THE POLICE WILL HAVE TO TEND TO HIM! AS FOR THE SHIP, IF YOU KIDS PITCH IN AND HELP, I WON'T HAVE TO SPEND MONEY FOR REPAIRS! AS FOR YOU, BLEAKY, I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO ANSWER CHARGES WITH DURK! BUT I'M SURE THE WISE GUYS WILL PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR YOU!

WE SURE WILL!

GOOD-BY AND THANKS! I KNOW NOW WHO MY FRIENDS ARE!



YOU'D BETTER STOP NOW, BOYS, BEFORE YOU POLISH ALL THE PAINT OFF! YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB!

THANKS, CAPTAIN JIM! WE COULD USE A REST, EXCEPT SCARECROW! HE'S BEEN DOGGING IT ALL DAY!

WORKING LIKE A DOG, YOU MEAN!



HELLO, MR. WINDWARD, DID YOU HAVE A NICE TRIP?

VERY RESTFUL AFTER THAT AWFUL PARTY THAT I DIDN'T HAVE! HOW DID EVERYTHING GO HERE?

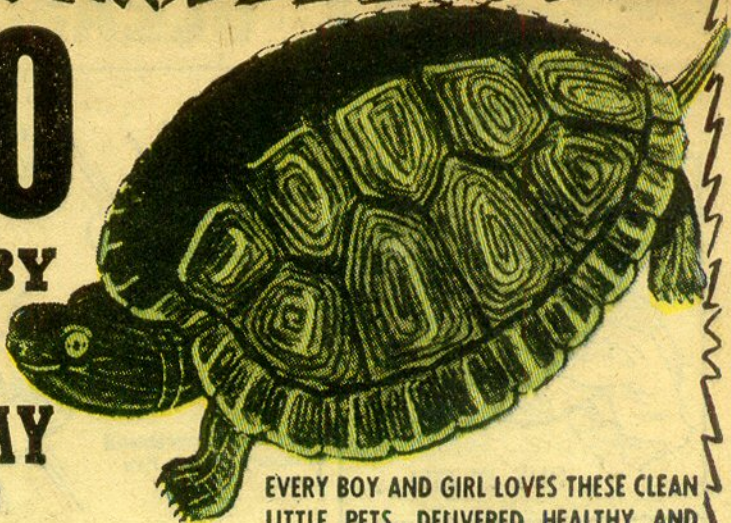
JUST FINE! SMOOTH AS A BALMY DAY IN SPRING, EH, BOYS?

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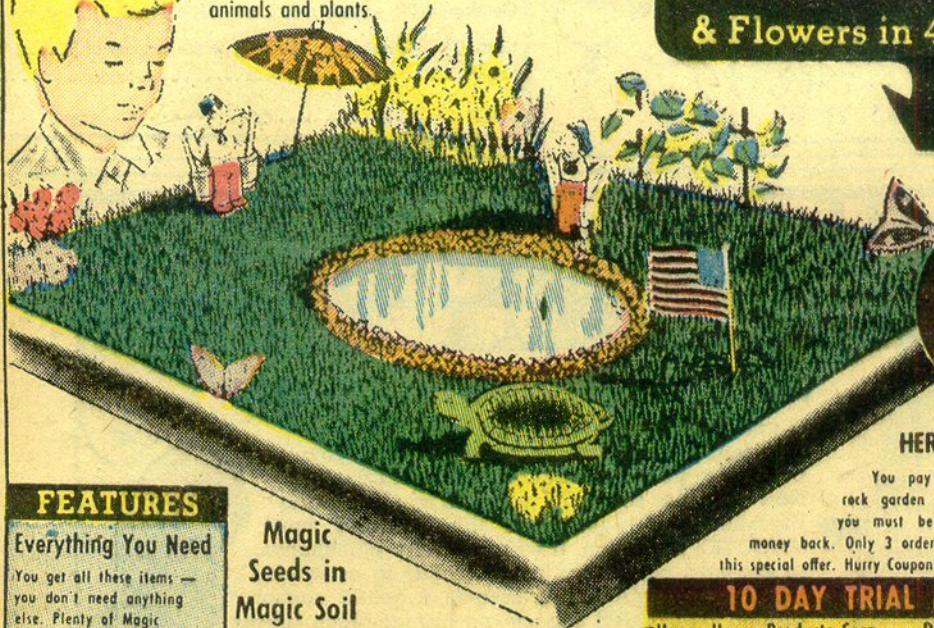
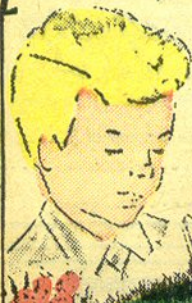
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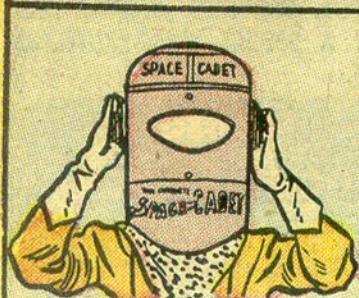
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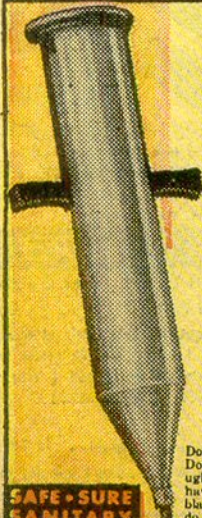
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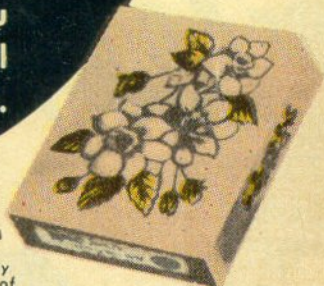
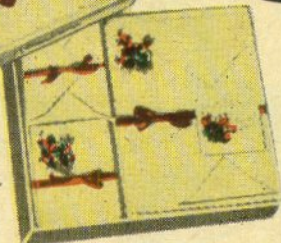
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